



# The Sea Coast Echo

THURSDAY,  
MARCH 18, 1999

## Closed-door series continues Bay walking trails hit roadblocks

BY MARY G. SEILEY  
Elaborate plans for trails through the city of Bay St. Louis continue to hit roadblocks, while a couple of other projects remain in the realm of "potential litigation."

City Council held another in a series of closed door meetings Tuesday night, in hopes of resolving disputes about the costs of the half-completed Ulman Street Pier and the second segment of the city's drainage improvement program.

But before closing the meeting to the public, council members were given gloomy news from Jeff Loftus of Gulf Regional Planning Commission about proposed federal grants for walking and bicycle pathways which aren't materializing.

Loftus said other area officials agreed recently that it would be fruitless for the city to file an application to finance a walkway and pike path, which was to have looped through the city, and connected its citizens with Waveland.

Bay council members earlier had said while they realized the city was about to lose a portion of grant funding for that project, due to unresolved rights-of-way disputes

with CSX railroad, they wanted to seek restoration of the grant funding immediately.

Loftus said Tuesday, however, the consensus of city and county leaders who have been working to launch the project agree that the endangered segment of the elaborate trail way should best remain on the shelf for a while — perhaps forever.

Otherwise, the project faces almost certain rejection by federal and state transportation officials, Loftus said. As it is, he added, officials will have to scramble to meet a looming April 15 deadline for completion of plans to build a walkway from the Washington Street pier to Waveland, with another "loop" on Dunbar Avenue, from Highway 90 to North Beach Boulevard.

The planner suggested that Bay St. Louis give up the four or five easements which had been obtained to allow the pathway to dart through downtown city streets. Council agreed that rather than pay for the now unneeded easements, the documents should be mailed back to the property owners with an explanation from the city.

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Working the crowd

District 1 Supervisor Lyonie "Jeep" Ladner was Grand Marshal of the Waveland Civic Association's St. Patrick's Day Parade Sunday, and opted to leave his float and personally greet the crowd on Coleman Avenue. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

## Chiefs address E-911 troubles

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis residents might want to delay reordering personalized stationary for a while — city officials may be about to change some local street names and numbers.

Fire Chief Bobby Gavagnie and Police Chief Frank McNeil have sifted through proposals that were made by a consultant to unscramble some troubling addresses in the city, coming up with a list of address problems that plague both departments.

The proposals were first made by Ed Foster of Gulf Coast Ariel Mapping, who contracted with the countywide E-911 Commission to study such problems. Foster recommended re-addressing the entire city of Bay St. Louis, creating a new address for every 25 feet or every 50 of street frontage. Alternatively, the consultant said local officials should deal with particularly troubling addresses in town.

Gavagnie and McNeil sorted through the data and came up with

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## It's official!

## Hotel-gambling barge to revive Bayou Caddy

BY ED LEPOMA

Months of rumor and speculation ended Wednesday when Las Vegas-based Phoenix Leisure Inc. announced it plans to build a resort-destination casino and hotel at the abandoned Bayou Caddy site.

The news was greeted with enthusiasm by Hancock County officials, and the developers said they planned a "first class

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Eric Nelson, President  
Phoenix Leisure, Inc..

resort destination."

The \$60 million project will

include a 200-room hotel back-  
ing up to a new sand beach, a

30,000-square-foot gambling  
barge that will include restaur-

ants, some retail space and a small marina.

Debbie Hawkins, Chief Financial Officer for Phoenix said initial estimates are the casino and hotel will employ 700 people and pour about a million more a year in new tax revenues into Hancock County's coffers. The funds are distributed on a

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## TIDES

1:30 a. 7:45 p.
Fri. 2:47 a. 7:52 p.
1:04 p. 10:08 p.
Sat. 1:33 p.
Sun. 2:17 p. 12:05 a.
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## Resident opposes proposed farm plan

BY ED LEPOMA

At least one Hancock County resident is opposed to plans that would move the Sheriff Department's inmate farm to a 20-acre tract of land on Kiln-DeLisle Road near a new horse arena.

Donald Jacobs came to the Echo last week after he read a story in which Sheriff Ronnie Peterson confirmed that by next fall he planned to move the farm from its present six-acre site behind the county's north maintenance barn off Hwy. 43.

Peterson later told the Echo, "Nothing's etched in stone, but the Board (of Supervisors) called me to ask if I would consider moving it."

He said supervisors indicated they wanted to enlarge the ballfield that is behind the county barn.

Peterson said besides farming, supervisors wanted inmates to be available to help out when there are livestock shows and other functions at the new horse arena.

The Sheriff said the move won't take place until the beginning of the new fiscal year, Oct. 1, when funds can be appropriated.

Jacobs said the proposed site of the new inmate farm would back up to the Silver Creek Subdivision, where he lives, and which he began developing around 1961. He thinks locating

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## Spring Pilgrimage opens today

## Visitors expected from across nation to tour homes, gardens

BY DEBBIE HAWKINS  
The Spring Pilgrimage Garden Tour, which will feature the homes and gardens of the area's most prominent families, opens today.





## OBITUARY

**ISABELL CURRY**  
**CECILIA P. FOLSOM**  
**HELEN M. GREER**  
**ARTHUR F. KERNS**  
**JOHN LEWIS KERR**  
**MARGUERITE MOORE**  
**NORMAN D. NOBLE, SR.**  
**EDWARD PIERCEY**

**ISABELL CURRY**  
 Mrs. Isabell "Miss Iszy" Curry, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, March 10, 1999, in Jackson.

Mrs. Curry was a native and resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Curry; her parents, Sam and Corrine Dorsey Montgomery; two brothers, Jessie and Wallace Montgomery; and a sister, Hazel Shackelford.

Survivors include three sons, Astor Curry of Bay St. Louis, Tyrone Curry of Bronx, N.Y., and Walden Curry of New Orleans; three grandchildren; and longtime companion, Melvin R. Keys of Bay St. Louis.

Services were conducted Tuesday at First Missionary Baptist Church, followed by burial in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

**CECILIA P. FOLSOM**  
 Cecilia Planas Folsom, 78, of Slidell, died Tuesday, March 16, 1999, in Slidell.

Mrs. Folsom was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Slidell for the past five years. She was a homemaker.

She was the mother of Dawn Brenegan, Sandra Forer and Donna Betz; sister of George Planas Jr., Joseph Aveton Jr. and Joann Leebrock. She is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Schoen Funeral Home, 3808 Pontchartrain Drive, Slidell. Visitation will continue today at the funeral home at 8:30 a.m. until service time at 10 a.m.

Interment will be in St. Louis Cemetery No. 3 in New Orleans.

**HELEN M. GREER**  
 Helen Mary Greer, 82, of Pass Christian, died Monday, March 15, 1999.

Mrs. Greer was born March 6, 1917, to John and Mary Westlund in Bemidji, Minn. Thereafter the family moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she attended school and graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School. She attended the University of Idaho. She worked for General Electric until her retirement in 1965 and moved to Pass Christian. Mrs. Greer worked with the Head Start Program, The Martha Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church, Friends of the Library and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Pass Christian Yacht Club. She supported the local Humane Society and the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Nature Preservation Society (WRANPS).

She is survived by her husband, Joseph H. Greer of Pass Christian; a son, Malcolm A. Greer of Auburn, Wash.; a daughter, Sharon A. Greer of Pass Christian; two nieces; four nephews and many friends.

The family prefers memorials to the Pass Christian Friends of the Library or WRANPS.

Visitation was Wednesday in Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, followed by services.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

**ARTHUR F. KERNS**  
 Arthur F. Kerns, 73, of Waveland, died Monday, March 15, 1999, in Waveland.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

## Pass slates league registraton

Pass Christain Parks & Recreation Department announces Bambino Baseball, ASA Softball, and T-Ball registration from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at the Pass Christian City Hall. Birth certificates are required for all players.

The fee for Baseball and Softball is \$20 and is \$15 for T-Ball. For additional information contact the Park and Recreation Office at 452-3304.

## JOHN LEWIS KERR

John Lewis Kerr, Sr., 85, of Jackson, died Saturday, March 13, 1999 in Jackson.

Mr. Kerr was chairman of the board of Shippers Express Inc. He was a native of Maggie Valley, N.C. and had lived in Mississippi the past 80 years. He was a graduate of Pearl River Community College. Mr. Kerr was a charter member of Broadmoor Baptist Church where he was a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He began in the trucking business in 1935 with his brother in Logtown. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II having returned to Jackson in 1945. He then co-founded Delta Motor Line, Inc. and served as president of general manager until 1962 when it was sold to Arkansas Best Freight Line. In 1963 Mr. Kerr and his brothers co-founded Shippers Express, Inc., the largest Mississippi owned and operated domicile LTL carrier. He was past president of the Mississippi Trucking Association for several terms, a member of the board of governors of the Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference for 22 years and was on the National Motor Freight Classification Committee. He also owned Confederate Heights Golf Club. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Isabell, sons John L. Kerr, Jr. and Dr. Jeff H. Kerr, both of Florence; daughters Jane Harper of Ridgeland, Joan Johnson of Greenville, S.C. and Janet Kerr of Jackson; a brother, G. O. Kerr, Jr. of Jackson; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday at Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson. Services were conducted Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial was in Lakewood Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Broadmoor Baptist Church Building Fund, American Diabetes Association or to a favorite charity.

**MARGUERITE MOORE**  
 Marguerite D. Moore, 87, of Waveland, died Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Moore was sent from Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Leitz-Eagan Funeral Home in Metairie for services.

**NORMAN D. NOBLE, SR.**  
 Norman Daniel Noble, Sr., 67, of Kiln, died Friday, March 12, 1999, in Kiln.

Mr. Noble was a native of Coden, Ala. and a longtime resident of Hancock County. He was a Baptist. Before his retirement, he was employed by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department as court bailiff.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Martha Williams Noble.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi Schultz Noble of Kiln; four sons, six daughters, 27 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**EDWARD PIERCEY**  
 Edward "Ed" Piercey, 69, of Diamondhead, died Friday, March 12, 1999, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Piercey was a retired self-employed owner and operator of Military Hardware in Grand Prairie, Texas and was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include his wife, Marty Farmer Piercey of Diamondhead; a daughter, Mary Christine Piercey of Dallas, Texas; three sisters, Helen Piercey of Nashville, Ann Burnett of Lebanon, Tenn., and Sue Trueman of Golden, Colo.; and a brother, Burton Piercey of Nashville.

Visitation was Monday at Moore Funeral Home in Petal. Graveside services followed in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

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## Diamondhead Baptist changes 'Invitation Sunday' schedule

The previously scheduled date for "Invitation Sunday" has been changed to April 15. Worship service will be at 10 a.m., and an old-fashioned "dinner on the ground" will be held immediately following. Lunch is free for all.

The marker has been placed for the Anna Caroline Love Nature Trail and Prayer Garden. The Team Kids scheduled another workday for Saturday, March 27. Anyone wishing to donate plants or funding may contact the church office. An Easter Sunday Sunrise Service is planned in the Prayer Garden April 4 at 6:30 a.m.

April 16-18 the church Student Ministry invites teenagers to Disciple '99. Theme is "True Love." Disciple now is a weekend to hang out with other students getting answers on critical issues while having fun.

Thursday night begins the

weekend with a kickoff barbecue banquet, 6:30-8:30 p.m. "Friday night you will get with your family group in the home where you will be staying for the weekend," said spokesperson Jacqueline Schorr. "Saturday afternoon we will come back to the church for some wild recreation, including a video scavenger hunt and a pizza pig-out."

A high-energy praise service, led by the William Carey College BSU Praise Band and Drama Team, as well as the church family group leaders will follow.

"Sunday morning we will be led again by the team from William Carey for a time of challenge and commitment," said Schorr. "You get all this for \$30."

Call Todd Cole, minister of students at 255-3348 to register or for information.

## Don't forget to vote Saturday

## Run-off school board election set Saturday

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Only registered voters in Waveland and a designated area called the "outside territory" will vote in a special election for the Bay-Waveland School Board set for Saturday, March 20, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Waveland Elementary School, 1101 St. Joseph Street.

Voters in Waveland and the outside territory will choose between Irene Koskan and Sherry McGinity Ponder in a run-off election to fill the unexpired term of Frank Perniciaro who resigned in November to become Hancock County's attendance officer. Perniciaro's term ends February 2000.

Dr. Irene Koskan, 47, has practiced medicine in the Bay St. Louis area for 18 years. She is married to Dr. Allen J. Koskan. The Koskans' oldest child graduated from Bay High School and currently attends the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Their youngest is a junior at Bay High.

Dr. Sherry McGinity Ponder, 42, who has 20 years of experience in public education as a teacher and an administrator, has served as Federal Programs director and Special Services director for the Bay-Waveland School District. She presently teaches special education in the Biloxi School District. She is the wife of Randy Ponder, general manager of The Sea Coast Echo. They have three children, Ashley, a junior at Bay High; Jace, an eighth-grader; and three-year-old Patrick.

For additional information on the election, contact the school district offices located at 201 Carroll Street, Bay St. Louis or call (228) 467-6621.

## ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

The annual pilgrimage to Morelia, Mexico in honor of the Infant Jesus of Good Health and Our Lady of Guadalupe is scheduled for April 17-26. For information, contact Yvonne Garcia at 467-3601.

**St. Ann Wednesday Lenten Schedule**  
 6 p.m., Way of the Cross  
 6:30 p.m., Mass  
 7 p.m., Renew 2000 in the Parish Hall

The St. John Church pew renovation work has begun. Appreciation and thanks to everyone who has donated a pew in memory of a loved one.

Sacrament of Reconciliation before all masses and anytime by appointment. Please call the rectory at 467-4746.

Please notify the rectory of the names of individuals who desire to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick

or the Sacrament of Reconciliation at home.

Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months ahead of time. A pre-marriage preparation program and individual counseling with the pastor are required for all contemplating marriage.

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## Barge

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formula basis to schools, libraries, law enforcement agencies, fire departments and the county's gaming fund. Hawkins said Phoenix has promised the Board of Supervisors it will employ mainly Hancock County people.

Officials of Phoenix Leisure called the media to Armand's Restaurant Wednesday afternoon, where they announced their decision to revive the 35-acre site formerly occupied by the Jubilee Casino, then the smaller Jubilation gambling ship. Architects' rendering of the project were on display, along with a feasibility study that Phoenix had completed prior to making its decision to come to the site off Lakeshore Road.

Phoenix President Eric Nelson said, "It's a paradise of a site, and we're going to take full advantage of it."

Nelson said the hotel would have balconies that would take in the panoramic view of the Mississippi Sound. He said the gaming barge would have 700 slot machines and 25 gaming tables.

"It won't be the largest (casino) but it will be first-class," promised Nelson.

Nelson said the initial construction would take up nine acres of the site where wharfage and moorings for the barge are already in place. Other infrastructure improvements, including water, sewerage and lighting are already in place. Developers plan to use the present street-level parking, but he said they have obtained more land for parking if it is needed. A second phase would add 300 more hotel rooms, he said.

He revealed that Phoenix had already had conversations with lenders for the hotel project, but said Phoenix already had the money in place to lease the site and the gambling barge.

Nelson also revealed that Phoenix officials met Tuesday with Chuck Patton, Executive Director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, who was among officials in Biloxi for the opening of the Beau Rivage. He said he did not foresee problems since the site is an already-approved gambling site, and some of his company's officials have been involved in gambling ventures before and have been licensed to do business in Mississippi and Nevada.

If everything goes as planned, Nelson predicted the hotel project could begin coming out of the ground "in three or four months" with a grand opening in June of 2000.

"We're not going to open up the casino without the hotel," said Nelson.

Others accompanying Nelson included Cliff McCarlie, who is headquartered here and will serve as project manager; Paul

Nelson, who will supervise construction, and Justin Kolb, one of the corporation's financial consultants.

Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran was in Jackson Wednesday when the announcement was made, but called the Echo to praise the project's potential.

"We feel very fortunate to be able to get a project of this size to return back to this site," said Moran. "It will have a positive economic impact on our county—not only on the general fund, but to our law enforcement efforts, schools, libraries and fire departments. Hopefully, the revenue from the new casino will go toward providing better services for all of Hancock County."

County Attorney Gerald Gex, Chancery Court Clerk and County Administrator Tim Kellar, and county Tax Assessor/Collector Eddie Murtagh were also at the news conference.

Murtagh said, although the gaming taxes would be levied as soon as the casino started operating, the Phoenix Corp. could be eligible for a 10-year tax exemption (five years initially with an optional five-year extension) on the hotel it plans.

Kellar said he and supervisors have been meeting off and on with Phoenix officials for months, and the word came out Tuesday that Phoenix has decided on the Bayou Caddy site and would make the announcement Wednesday.

Kellar said the relocation of a hotel-gambling resort at Bayou Caddy also opens the possibility that Lower Bay Road could be four-laned from U.S. Hwy. 90 to the site at the lakefront.

Those plans were already in the works by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Kellar said, but when the Jubilation pulled out, the project became ineligible for gambling funds distributed for road improvements only in those areas impacted by gaming.

The Nelsons and the McCarlies have jointly ventured on other casino projects in Tunica and Greenville, and the McCarlies sold their interest in the Gold Shore in Biloxi to a New Jersey firm that later folded.

Phoenix Leisure is a subsidiary of Phoenix Leisure Corp., which is traded publicly on the Vancouver (Canada) stock exchange and is involved in developing gaming, hospitality and entertainment ventures.

The firm revealed last September that it has signed a lease for the Bayou Caddy site and would conduct a feasibility study and develop a site plan before deciding on a venture in Hancock County.

"We're now convinced with the hotel we can make this a family destination," said Nelson.

## Peterson announces for Justice Court judge

L.J. (Larry) Peterson, 60, a Clermont Harbor native, has announced his candidacy for Justice Court Judge West in the August Democratic Primary.

Peterson is a Hancock County constable and also has been a member of the Hancock County School Board since 1992.

He was formerly with the Mississippi Air National Guard and had also served with the United States Marines.

He is a graduate of Bay High School. He and his wife Doris are the parents of three sons and a daughter.

"If elected I will run the office of Justice Court Judge West in a fair and impartial manner, and I will be available to all the people of Hancock County on a



L.J. (Larry) PETERSON

24-hour-a-day basis," Peterson said.

## Richardson announces for Hancock coroner

Terese Richardson, 31, of Waveland, has announced her candidacy for Hancock coroner in the August Republican Primary.

She attended Our Lady Academy and graduated from Pope John Paul High School in Slidell. She has an associate degree in applied science funeral service and mortuary science and is currently enrolled at the University of Phoenix, Kenner for a BS in business management.

She had resided in Diamondhead from 1979-96.



TERESE RICHARDSON

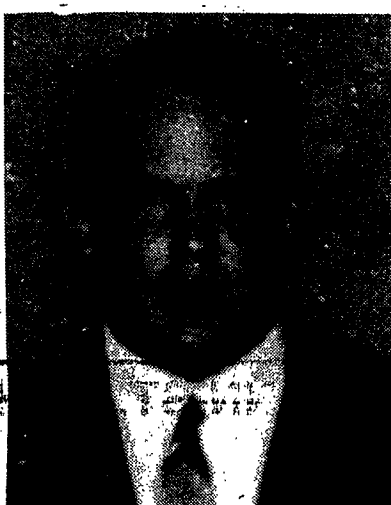
## Hamby announces for Constable East

Danny Hamby, 30, of Kiln, has announced his candidacy for Constable East in the August Democratic Primary.

He is a graduate of Hancock North Central and attended Jeff Davis Junior College. He is a Harrison County deputy sheriff.

Hamby is the father of a son and daughter.

I making his announcement he said, "As a former deputy sheriff in Hancock, I know the people of Hancock County and have lived here all of my life. I will do whatever is necessary to serve the people to the best of my ability."



DANNY HAMBY

## Lightning suspected in fire

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate says his investigation is continuing, but he's almost certain that lightning caused the fire Friday that destroyed the home of District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour.

Pate said there was a bad lightning storm coming through The Kiln around 1 p.m. when a Coast Electric workman called 911 to report that flames were coming out of the roof of Seymour's house on Hwy. 603 near Fire Tower Road.

### American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison county chapters of the American Cancer Society.

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those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

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## MILITARY MENTIONS

### FFC PIAZZA

Marine Pfc. Casey A. Piazza, son of Janelle G. Piazza of Waveland, recently graduated from the Unit Diary Clerk's course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Piazza learned to prepare personnel information for input into the computer-based system. He also studied procedures used for unit-level recording of pay and allowances.

The 1998 graduate of Bay

High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1998.

### AIRMAN BARRERE

Air Force Reserve Senior Airman Burt B. Barrere has arrived for duty at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi.

Barrere is a communications-computer systems specialist assigned to the 403rd Communications flight.

He is the son of Robert J. Barrere Sr. of 119 Country Club Drive, Pass Christian, and Gretchen B. Barrere of Marro, La.

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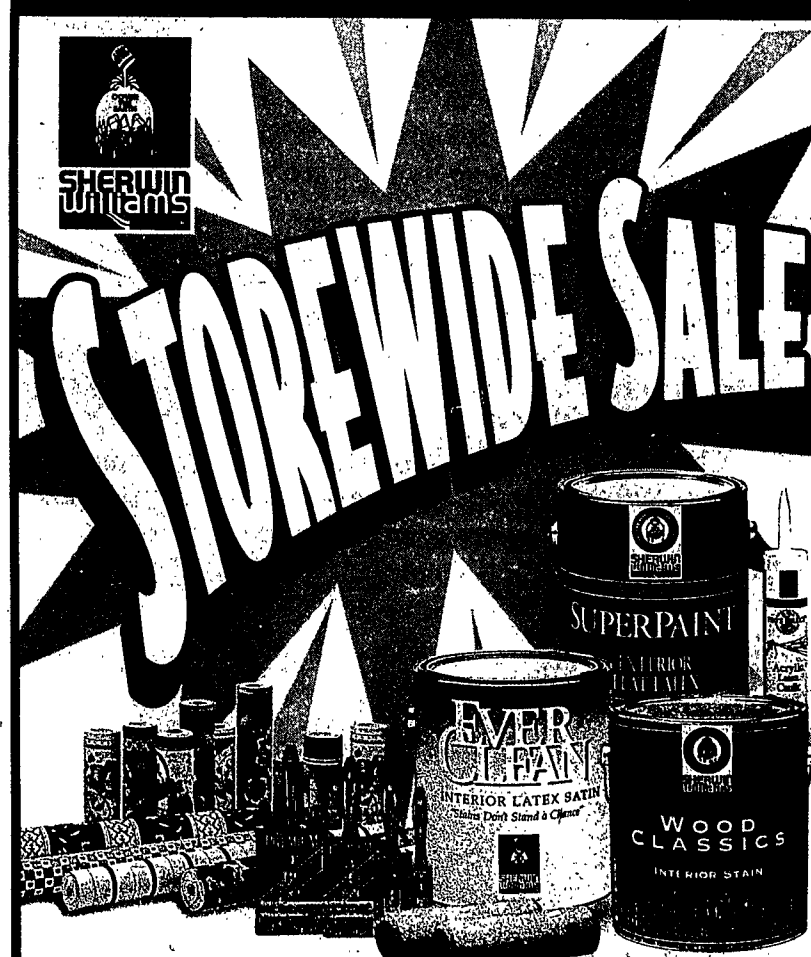
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## "CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Today is the day for Bay St. Louis with the opening of the Opening Day Flower Show of the Spring Pilgrimage.

This is the opening day of the 1999 Bay-Waveland and Mississippi Council of Garden Club's annual Spring Pilgrimage.

The Opening Day will feature a Flower Show, at Main Street United Methodist Church, corner of Second and Main streets, Bay St. Louis. There will be a ribbon cutting at 9:45 a.m.

The historic L&N Depot, 1928 Depot Way, will have a wildlife and wildflower photography exhibit by L.J. Griffin, a well known nature photographer.

In addition, there will be a day of seminars in the Hancock County Courthouse courtroom with Hancock County Historical Society president Charles Gray set for 9 a.m. with a topic of Bay St. Louis, The Last 300 Years;

—10 a.m., local architect Fred Wagner, The Architecture of Bay St. Louis' Buildings;

—11 a.m., John Adams of Adams Lorraine Florist, New Trends in Floral Design;

—1 p.m., Betty Lyons, New Orleans Chapter of Ikebana International, The Art of Japanese Flower Arranging;

—2 p.m., Robert Leeton, horticulturist, What Is That Plant? and,

—3 p.m., Kim Kriner, horticulturist for "Beauvoir", Victorian Gardens and Gardening.

There will be a trolley to move participants from the Depot to the courthouse and flower show on a continuous basis, courtesy of Bay St. Louis.

Friday marks Pass Christian Isles and Pass Christian Pilgrimage of homes.

Pass Isles has two homes, Rhenda and Jerry Saporito, #1 Golf Drive, and 'Joie de Vivre,' home of Mrs. and Mrs. Hester Pluche, 330 Poindexter Drive. The hours are 10 a.m. until noon.

Pass Christian's Pilgrimage is from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hines, 519 East Scenic Drive; home of Mr. Julian Byren, 127 Seal Ave; home of Mrs. Jean Harvey Vanderbilt, 513 E. Scenic; Trinity Episcopal Church Parlor, 125 Church Street; Historic Gravesite of Frances Parke Lewis Butler in Live Oak Cemetery.

Saturday the pilgrimage moves to Ocean Springs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Gautier from 1 to 5 p.m.

Remember, the homes and sites on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Club's Pilgrimage are free.

We will give you more information on Sunday about the other pilgrimages.

We hope to see you at the Pilgrimage.

Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the qualified electors from Waveland and a designated area called the 'outside territory' will elect a school board member in a run-off election.

The election will be held at Waveland Elementary School, 1101 St. Joseph St., Waveland.

The run-off is between Dr. Irene Koskan and Dr. Sherry McGinity Ponder, as the duo topped three other candidates in the first special election two weeks ago for the Bay-Waveland School Board.

The person elected will fill the unexpired term of Frank Perniciaro, who resigned after accepting the position of Hancock County's Attendance Officer.

This is a very important election and all qualified electors are urged to get out and vote.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Family objects to remarks made about their business

Dear Editor,  
Last week your newspaper reported in the Thursday issue, on the front page, Section B, reporting an article wherein my son Keith Ladner appeared before the Board of Supervisors with regard to physical cleaning-up a piece of property in Lakeshore and the consideration of the Board to abandoning a road or alleyway, and in response to that a gentleman named Bob Metz made an appearance before the Board later and made some disparaging remarks about me, my family corporation, and one or more of my sons.

In particular, it was quoted that if we were allowed to move forward on a real estate project that instead of having Vietnamese across a bayou that there would be illegal Mexicans.

Please understand that neither me, my sons, nor our corporation has ever employed illegal Mexicans in any capacity, in any place, in any location in the United States, and that in addition, me and my family and corporation have a proud heritage of being in the seafood industry dating back several

generations and have always attempted to give to society and not take, but despite this, Mr. Metz also wishes to purchase a piece of property that we were interested in purchasing in cleaning up.

We understand that you reported the statements made by Mr. Metz accurately in that they were direct quotations made by Mr. Metz to your reporter. I have asked Mr. Metz to write an immediate letter of apology, asking that you publish his letter retracting those false statements in order to mitigate the damage and embarrassment caused to me and my wife, family and corporation.

In the event that he writes a letter of apology, I would appreciate your publishing his letter prominently in your newspaper.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard and ask that you publish this letter on my behalf.

Sincerely,  
Terry Ladner,  
President of  
Terry's Seafood, Inc.  
Lakeshore

### Landfill not attraction people of Hancock need

Dear Editor,  
I can see it all now . . . Southern Living Magazine, July 2001, Travels in the South, Page 21 . . .

If your calendar can afford the weekend, travel to south Mississippi and visit the "South's Largest Landfill." View the 100-foot high mounds of garbage. Pack a picnic and stay to enjoy the aroma of the

leachate ponds.  
Bring your camera and take pictures of the wildlife feeding here. Special children's area designed for a treasure hunt — to identify what state the garbage came from.  
Just think, Hancock County can get this all for free.

Sincerely,  
R. Catherin McDonald  
Pass Christian

## IN CONGRESS

By Rep. Gene Taylor

### Priorities for the 106th Congress

A few weeks ago new members and re-elected members of the U.S. House of Representatives were sworn in for the first session of the 106th Congress of the United States.

On Jan. 19 members of the House and Senate returned for the State of the Union Address and to finalize subcommittee assignments. I feel very fortunate that I was named to a number of positions that will benefit the people of South Mississippi.

As a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have been named as the ranking member on the Military Installations and Facilities Subcommittee and will serve as the second highest ranking Democrat on the Military Research and Development Subcommittee. I remain a member of the Armed Services Committee's Merchant Marine Panel.

Recently I was also named to serve as co-chairman of the National Guard and Reserve Caucus and as co-chairman of the Congressional Coast Guard Caucus. These committee and caucus assignments are important to South Mississippi's military installations as well as to the men and women on duty in our military and the veterans who have served this nation.

As Congress considers the important issues facing our nation, I certainly hope that the upcoming session will be more productive than the 1998 session we just concluded.  
The second session of the 105th Congress met fewer days, had fewer votes and passed less major legislation than any Congress in recent memory.

One of my biggest challenges this year will be to make sure that funding for military projects in our state is continued. I will seek funding for a tank training program at Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg. There is a need for additional housing at Naval Station Pascagoula.

To maintain employment levels at Ingalls Shipbuilding, and to provide the Navy a ship that is critical to our national defense, additional funding is required for the LHD assault ship, Halper Marine is also an

important builder of both Navy and commercial ships.

We must improve health care for our military personnel and retirees. The men and women serving in our military also deserve higher pay, better housing and other benefits. I think it is absurd that some of our enlisted military personnel are eligible for food stamps.

Last year, at my request, the defense bill included full funding for the National Guard Youth Challenge program at Camp Shelby. This tremendously successful program targets at-risk youth who drop out of high school.

The program has enjoyed a success rate of more than 95 percent and shows a big return for taxpayer dollars. Instead of ending up as statistics in our criminal justice system, these young people get their GED, enter the military, go to college or enter the work force.

My other major committee assignment is the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I am one of less than 20 percent of the members of the House who serve on two designated "major" committees.

My subcommittee assignments are Water Resources and Environment and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

As a member of the Transportation Committee I will work to improve South Mississippi highways, airports, ports and harbors. In particular I intend to seek funding for Phase 2 of the Pascagoula Harbor channel deepening project.

Last, but not least, members of Congress must handle the taxpayers money in a responsible manner. As of last Monday, our national debt was almost \$5.65 trillion. That's \$21,154 for every man, woman and child. We pay more in interest on our national debt than we spend on our national defense.

There is nothing more we do in Washington that is more important to wisely spend our tax dollars to assure the future of our children and their children.

### Concerned citizens seeking referendum on landfill

To the Editor:  
If you want to know what the people are saying,  
If you want to know what the people are doing,  
If you want to know what the people are thinking,  
Then go among the people.

—Anonymous  
Concerned citizens about a proposed landfill did go among the people. They circulated and collected thousands of signatures for a referendum.

This referendum asked to let the people vote if Hancock County wanted a landfill that would take 38 times more garbage than what our county produces a day.

Taxpayers, citizens, voters, even children, gave a resounding no in answer at the 500-plus crowd at a public hearing

March 10 for the proposed landfill.

They said "Don't trash South Mississippi," "Don't pollute the Jourdan River," and "We don't need out-of-state garbage."

We, who have been concerned with this issue for over three years, have had an opportunity to know the adverse effects of a landfill. But, what I have learned is nothing compared to the folks who got up to speak. They were superb.

I was so proud of Hancock County for attending the public hearing and defending their county that I could not speak out at the microphone — all I had was tears. Sorry about that.

We appreciate you, Hancock County!

Chickie Younger Knox  
Picayune

### Harrison County resident cares about coastal area

Dear Editor:  
I attended the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority's meeting last Wednesday night. I am also one of those incredible "non-residents" from Harrison County who cares about southern Mississippi.

I moved here from New Orleans for "the good life." I hope and pray that the New Orleans

garbage does not follow me. South Mississippi does not have to become the New Orleans dumping station.

I commend those who spoke up at the meeting. They truly care about the future of Hancock County and South Mississippi.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Fontenot  
Harrison County

### Discounts for jail birds?

To the Editor:  
As a senior (70-plus) I am obligated to pay the full difference after Medicare payment at the hospital.

I pay \$50 per month until payed.

On a fixed income, after paying Medicare premium, I had to

take a part-time job to meet my medical obligations while the jail birds get free food and free medical care.

I have worked 55 years as a law abiding citizen, and now I still have to pay for a portion of my medical care.

Bill Quinn  
Bay St. Louis





### Meet Buchanan

Republican Presidential candidate Patrick J. Buchanan was in New Orleans campaigning for the upcoming Presidential caucuses/primaries in 2000. Meeting Buchanan, center, is Stephen A. Cuevas, left, of Bay St. Louis and Felix Sternfels, right, of Donaldsonville, LA. Two days prior to the New Orleans visit, Buchanan announced his candidacy in Manchester, New Hampshire. Both Cuevas and Sternfels are 1988 graduates of St. Stanislaus.

### Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus presents 'A Festival of Choral Classics'

The Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus will present "A Festival of Choral Classics" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20, in the auditorium of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jefferson Davis Campus in Gulfport, and on Sunday, March 21, at St. James Catholic Church on Cowan Road in Gulfport at 3 p.m. Both performances are free and open to the public.

The program will include choruses and solos from Messiah by George F. Handel and the Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Faure, Magnificat in G by Johannes Pachelbel, and choruses by Beethoven and Mozart.

The chorus of 50 will be accompanied by orchestra and keyboard for both performances. This is the second season in which the chorus has expanded its traditional repertoire to include classic chorale

works by a variety of composers.

Hilda Barnes, conductor and music director of the Messiah Chorus since its inception in 1994 as successor to the Keesler Messiah Chorus, has announced the soloists for the spring performances: sopranos Maria Brannan, Rebecca Grimes, Lucille Harrington and Beth Ousley; altos Nikki Berry and Andi Moore; tenors Mark Gipson and Ron Herzog; and bass Clifton Taylor. Martha Houston is rehearsal accompanist and harpsichordist.

A program of classical guitar selections by University of Southern Mississippi professor of guitar, Giovanni DeChiaro, will begin 15 minutes prior to each performance.

The Messiah Chorus is a non-profit organization and donations to the chorus are tax-deductible. The chorus is funded in part by grants from the Mississippi Arts Commission, the City of Biloxi, and the Harrison County Board of Supervisors.

Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 7508, Gulfport, MS 39506-7508.

For information, contact Lucille Harrington at 228-388-1385 or Ron Herzog at (601) 426-3473.

### TaeKwonDo Plus competes in regional tournament

Students from John Blackmon's TaeKwonDo Plus will be competing March 20 in the United States TaeKwonDo Alliance Regional Tournament in Gulfport.

There will be approximately 500 students from Mississippi, Alabama and Florida converging upon the Gulf Coast for this tournament to be held at B. Frank Brown Gym starting at 8:30 a.m.

Blackmon said his students have trained hard for this event and feels confident in their abilities as artisan in the martial arts.

Blackmon is a 4th Degree Black Belt in TaeKwonDo and invites the public to stop in and watch as his students train for the weekend event.



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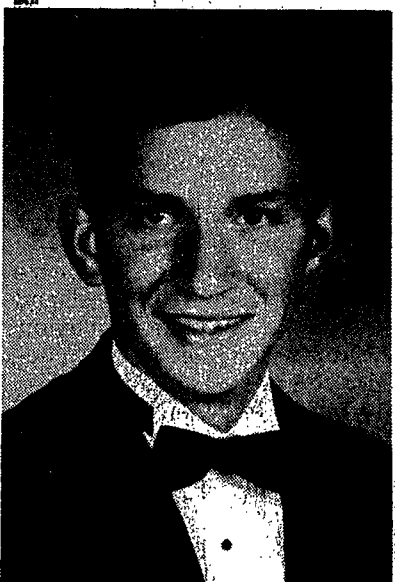
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### Scholar

Millsaps College has announced that Gary M. Yarborough has been awarded the Second Century Scholarship based on his academic accomplishments. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Yarborough Sr. and a senior at Bay High School. He plans to major in physics and mathematics.

### University of Mobile piano recital is March 23

The University of Mobile Department of Music invites the public to hear its spring piano ensemble concert Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Moorer Auditorium in Thomas T. Martin Hall.

With six pianos on stage, the 20-member ensemble, which consists of students, faculty, staff, alumni and guest performers, will perform a variety of music selections, including a four-piano arrangement by adjunct professor of music Barbara Laurendine entitled "Salute to the Big Band Sound."

Other music selections include "Turkish March from the Ruins of Athens," "Fascinatin' Rhythm," "German Dance," "Dream of Olwen," "Apple Red Happiness," "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "Back Bay Blues," and "Whistlestop Junction."

There will be a reception immediately following the concert. For information, call Laurendine at 675-5990, ext. 402.

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Historic L&N Train Depot Exhibition  
Old Town Bay St. Louis - Festivities

March 19  
Pass Christian Isles  
Pass Christian

March 20  
Ocean Springs - Gaudier

March 21 - Pascagoula  
Jackson County State Welcome Center

March 22 - Long Beach

March 23  
Bay St. Louis - Waveland

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March 25  
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March 26  
Gulfport - Historic Grasslawn  
Biloxi - Tullis Toledano Manor

March 27  
Closing Day Activities  
Historic Biloxi - Morning  
Beauvoir - Last Home of Jefferson Davis  
Biloxi Homes - Afternoon





## Bay St. Louis in Bloom

The Bay St. Louis in Bloom Exhibit of the floral photographs of local photographer B. J. Griffin, is her fourth show for the City of Bay St. Louis during the last several years. Griffin's versatility as a photographer and her generosity have made her a mainstay in the circle of artists who contribute to the cultural growth and promotion of Bay St. Louis. The Bay in Bloom focuses on the environment of Bay St. Louis and the surrounding area that produces the right elements for the extraordinary wild and cultured blooms that grace our daily landscape. Griffin has concentrated on beauty and variety for this show. Her magnificent wisteria photograph has become a personal trademark photograph that rivals her stunning wildlife photographs. Griffin's work has been published in a variety of photography and wildlife magazines. Her photographic art hangs in many private collections throughout the southeast region. Work exhibited is available for purchase.

## Homes

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at the Main Street Methodist Church and at the Hancock County Courthouse, and the L & N Depot where a wildlife and wildflower photography exhibit by L. J. Griffin will be on display. Visitors are encouraged to park at the depot and utilize the shuttle.

Each year the pilgrimage is presented by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden

Clubs with individual garden clubs sponsoring their own tours. This year the costs of advertising, printing of brochures and schedules and providing trolley service on pilgrimage days in each city were paid for through the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau with matching grant funds from the State of Mississippi Division of Tourism.

## Trails

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On another trail matter, Loftus said he's submitted an application to finance a \$100,000 walkway around the city's former Lagoon off Central Avenue, and a walking track on the city's depot grounds. The city would have to put up \$20,000 for that project, with another \$80,000 in federal grant funds.

But to make the lagoon project viable, Loftus said he'd had to scrap the idea of having a nature trail that would meander through woodlands adjoining the water. At least half of the surrounding wooded area, he said, is swampy and too costly to bridge.

Bay St. Louis officials have locked horns with CSX over rights-of-way in several major projects. It's a dispute that is connected to the city's refusal to close several street crossings of the railroad tracks, and the railroad company's refusal to grant rights-of-way until the crossings are closed. While a compromise accord allowed the drainage program to proceed, there has been no agreement found that would allow for the trail project to cross railroad tracks, as required for the proposed system.

City officials had said they were prepared to settle the dispute in court, but no condemnation proceedings materialized in time to salvage the bulk of the city's pathway plans.

In other business Tuesday, council members went behind closed doors to continue talks over final payments for the Ulman Street Pier, and over the contract for the "C" portion of the drainage program. The city's pier project engineers had recommended assessing over \$21,000 in liquidated damages for 87 days that the pier lagged behind schedule. The mayor and his staff had recommended a different

agreement, however.

Council President Carleen Moran said Tuesday that no action on that matter was taken last week, when council met in executive session to discuss it. The city's project engineers, Brown and Mitchell, were to provide the city with additional information before action could be taken, she said.

In other matters Tuesday, council adopted new versions of building and electric codes after hearing an extensive explanation from city Building Official Bill Carraige. Most of the changes, he said, were minor and technical updates, which will be explained to area contractors.

Council also agreed to hold a public hearing on proposed adoption of a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, which will revise and update the code the city now has on the books. The hearing is set for April 6 at City Hall Annex.

Council is scheduled to open bids April 6 on \$500,000 in loan funds to finance the balance the city owes on its new fire truck, and to help pay for the drainage improvement program.

## Chiefs

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a roster of problems they'd like to see resolved, if the citywide renumbering proposal fails to win officials' approval. There is no visible support on council for the major overhaul of street numbers, and little apparent support for the idea of giving every 25 feet of frontage its own address number.

The fire and police chiefs agreed that the complete overhaul would be the best route to go, with 25-foot numbering. That would allow for future growth of the city when property subdivision occurs, they said in a memorandum to council members, and it would give individual address numbers to multiple buildings, which now share addresses on single lots.

But the specific outline of what minimal changes the chiefs recommend may be dramatically altered by council members. For instance, several seemed opposed to the idea of dropping "north" and "south" designations from Beach Boulevard and Toulme Street. Gavagnie said the existing 911-computer system may -- or may not -- pick up such directional designations when emergency calls go in to the system.

It's confusing to emergency personnel to respond to a call, for instance, for "Beach Boulevard," without knowing whether the address is on the North or South segment.

The chiefs also recommended renaming portions of Keller Street, Union Street, and Easy Street and extending the name of "Blaise" Street, from Toulme to Washington Street.

Meanwhile, there are other streets, which have out-of-sequence numbering. That hampers emergency response when police or fire officials are dispatched to find an address. As outlined by the chiefs' study, those problems occur on portions of:

Seventh, Gladstone, Ruella, Webster, St. Charles, Ramoneda, Charters, Washington, Toulme, Sycamore, Bismark, Victoria, and Phillips streets. Also: Ulman Avenue, North Beach Boulevard, Engman Avenue, and Highland Drive.

Officials also have noted multiple buildings sharing the same street numbers on Washington, Ballentine, St. Charles, North and South Beach, Victoria, Julia, Sycamore, and Felicity.

Complicating matters more, the officials said, is the lack of a firm definition of city limits in a couple of areas of town.

Gavagnie gave council members the chiefs' list and comments. He said the city should decide how extensively officials want to deal with the problem, and notify the 911 Commission.

## Farm

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the inmate farm there would stifle future growth of the development, where 75 lots are still available for sale.

Besides growing vegetables, the inmates raise hogs, catfish and chickens.

Jacobs said he often takes children to ball games at the park behind the county barn. "And, I had to leave twice because of the stench from the pigs."

He said he thinks an inmate farm should be located somewhere in the buffer zone that surrounds the Stennis Space Center, although no permanent buildings are allowed there.

## St. Paul announces 'work day'

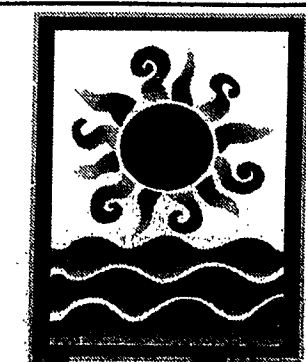
St. Paul Catholic School's PTO will be sponsoring a "work day" March 20, according to principal Myrna Bourgeois.

The day is set aside for volunteers to help the school with needed projects.

"We will have the help of faculty, parents and a special group from Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi. We are so grateful to have communities bridging the gap and coming together from Biloxi to Pass Christian.

## SUBSTITUTE/TEACHER AIDE TEST

The Hancock County School District will administer the Substitute/Teacher Aide Test, Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 8 a.m. in the Hancock High School Library. Anyone interested in taking this test must bring a copy of their High School Diploma.



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## HANCOCK COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Hancock County Water & Sewer District. The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 22, 1999 at 6 p.m. at Hancock County Civic Center, 3068 Longfellow Road, Bay St. Louis, MS.

This hearing is being held to receive public comments on the proposed sewerage collection system for the following areas:

- 1) Harbor Drive Area
- 2) Bayside Park Subdivision
- 3) Lakeshore Community
- 4) Highway 90 between Bayside Park Subdivision and Waveland Avenue

Topics discussed will be:

- A) Alternatives considered and facilities to be built.
- B) Where the facilities will be located.
- C) Why they are needed.
- D) How much they will cost.
- E) Estimated average user charges.
- F) Landowner/properties affected by acquisition of property, easements and right-of-ways.
- G) Environmental impacts.

The district will make a presentation to begin the meeting followed by a question and answer period. All concerned citizens are urged to attend.

Pam Gauthreaux

Administrator

Hancock County Water & Sewer District

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her career at Busch Gardens and went on to win the title of Miss Virginia. She has appeared in the Broadway musicals "Pump Boys and Dinettes" in the role of Rethetta Cup and as Ruth in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Thompson is backed-up by The Mistinguett Dancers, choreographed by Sheila Keating.

Showtimes are Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday - 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$9.95. For ticket information call 1-800-WIN-7777. Tickets also available at TicketMaster outlets.

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In addition to his many talents he has also authored the best-selling book, "I am Only One Man," which includes anecdotes from the show and his personal life, as well as memoirs from this entertainment veteran.

Regis has also co-authored the best-selling books, "Entertaining with Regis & Kathie Lee" and "Cooking with Regis & Kathie Lee."

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Matinees 3 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 8 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10:30 p.m. show on Friday and Saturday (no show on Thursdays).

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The program is for people over 55 and senior citizens. The classes will be conducted at the Coast Electric auditorium in Bay St. Louis March 25, 1-5 p.m. and March 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost is \$8. For information, call Magee at 228-452-2181.

The program is sponsored by the Bay St. Louis Police Department and AARP.

## McCardle St. Joseph Altar set Friday

The annual St. Joseph Day Altar at the residence of Kay McCardle, 410 South Central Avenue, Waveland, will be on Friday, March 19.

Father Fannon, pastor of St. Clare's Catholic Church, Waveland, will bless the altar at 11 a.m.

The public is invited.

## Koerner St. Joseph's Altar set

The annual St. Joseph's Altar of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Koerner, will be located at 1780 Blue Meadow Road, Friday, March 19.

A Blessing of the altar will take place at noon and the general public is invited to attend.

## Parent Day announced

Hancock County High and Junior High School will have Parent Day March 22, 2-7 p.m.

A parent must attend to pick up a student's report card and sign the child's Career Education Plan.

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served in the cafeteria.

## School food employees receive certification

Three school food service employees from the Hancock County School District, Lillian Ladner, Bonnie LaFontaine and Myra Peterson, were recently recognized for successfully completing the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification course entitled "Serving Safe Food."


The certification course, offered by the MSU Extension Service, provides up-to-date management-oriented information on food safety and addresses the issues of employee training; receiving, storing, preparing and serving food; safety regulations and standards; foodborne illness; pest control; cleaning and sanitizing; and accident prevention.

The Mississippi State Department of Health, through the Regulation Food Code, mandates food safety certification.



**Dressed guest**

Susan Daigre, children's consultant for the Hancock County Library System, was dressed up as a cow at the summer reading program planning workshop at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The workshop was sponsored by the Mississippi Library Commission.



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## Cabbage flew in Waveland over weekend



### Lots 'o green

A trailer load of children dressed up like leprechauns braved the cold and windy weather as the Waveland Civic Association's annual St. Patrick's Day parade rolled a day late this past weekend. (Echo staff photo by Kelly Blanchard)

### Cabbage everywhere

Cabbage was in abundance during the Waveland Civic Association's annual St. Patrick's Day parade held Sunday. The parade, normally held on the Saturday before St. Patrick's Day, was postponed until the following day due to severe weather that swept through the area on Saturday. (Echo staff photo by Kelly Blanchard)



## Pass celebrates St. Patrick's Day



### Pass Irishmen

Blustery winds and threatening rain did not dampen the Irish revelers in Pass Christian last Sunday. At left, Aldermen Leo "Chipper" McDermott leads the Krewe of Blarney Halfast Walking Klub

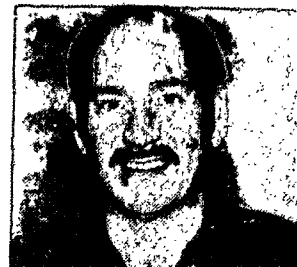


down Scenic Drive. At right, Colleen Rachel Layne McDonald rides in a convertible with McDermott's daughter, Emily. (Echo staff photos by Ed Lepoma)

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The 10 a.m.-2 p.m. event is planned in Hattiesburg's Turtle Creek Mall on U.S. 98 West. For information, call USM Continuing Education at (601) 266-4186.

## Wilkinson qualifies

Grant Wilkinson has qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee, according to Saint Paul Catholic School Principal Myrna Bourgeois.

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The state bee will be Friday, April 9 at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

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# SPORTS

10-THE SEA COAST ECHO-THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1989



## Doubles winners

Match play in the USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships, held at Diamondhead Tennis World, included, from left, Kathy Langer and Mary Lenore Blair, who lost to Belmar Gunderson and Nancy Reed, 6-2, 6-3 in the 60's doubles. The women won checks as well as gold and silver tennis balls in display boxes etched with the USTA logo. (Photo by Liz Wagner Maio)

## Long Beach, Picayune split Tiger Relays

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Bay High Tigers hosted their annual Tiger Relays at Joe D. McCullough Stadium on Monday, March 15. Other teams that ran in the relays were d'Iberville, Long Beach, Our Lady Academy, Picayune, Poplarville, and St. John.

The Long Beach boys out-pointed d'Iberville 120 to 104 for the boys championship, while the Picayune girls won on their side with 128 points.

OLA placed third with 85 points while the Tigers finished fifth with 45 points.

On the boys side, the only local athlete was from Bay High. Michael Adams placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 78'3 1/2".

Gary Vincent placed second in the high jump with a leap of 5'2".

Derl Lang claimed first place in the long jump with a leap of 20'5" for the Tigers.

Willie Whavers placed fifth in the shotput with a throw of 33'4 1/2".

Lang placed third in the 110m high hurdles with a time of 16.75. He, also, placed second in the 200m dash with a time of 24.02.

On the girls side, the only local girl athlete was from Our Lady Academy.

Jil Rutherford placed second in the discus and fifth in the shotput with throws of 81'5" and 24'4", respectively.

Nina Crain placed third in

the high jump with a leap of 4'6".

Tonya Piernas placed second in the long jump with a distance of 15'6".

Piernas also placed third in the 100m dash with a time of 13.31.

Melissa Chapoton placed fifth in the 100m hurdles with a time of 20.02.

Mindy Davis placed sixth in the 3200m run with a time of 15:08.

The 800m relay team of Leslie Esher, Crain, Piernas, and Mitchell placed second with a time of 1:58.

Katie Stahl placed fifth in the 1600m run with a time of 7:19.

The 400m relay team of Esher, Crain, Chapoton, and Piernas placed third with a time of 57.60.

Esher placed second in the 400m dash with a time of 1:06.54.

Crain won the 300m intermediate hurdles with a time of 52.21.

Esher placed third in the 800m dash with a time of 2:53.

Piernas placed second in the 200m dash with a time of 28.48.

The 1600m relay team of Davis, Stahl, Mitchell, and Chapoton placed fourth with a time of 5:14.

The next action for track teams will be Friday afternoon at d'Iberville. The meet is being made up due to bad weather this past Friday.



## Second place finish

Latonya Piernas, a sophomore at Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis, took a second place with a jump of 15'6" in the Tiger Relays. (Echo Staff photo by B.R. Hawkins)

## Tigers cap 7th inning rally with 6-5 win; Richardson hits winner

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Bay High Tiger baseball team has a motto, "Hold the Rope."

It means to save the bat for the next guy.

That is exactly what the Tigers played by on Tuesday against the visiting Columbia Wildcats.

The Tigers put themselves into a two-out, nobody on base situation in the bottom of the seventh inning. Bay High was down 5-2.

Somehow, the Tigers sent six batters to the plate and scored four runs to win the division contest 6-5.

Ty Barrett reached first on an error, Brandon Dupuy singled, and Josh Banashak walked to load the bases.

Charlie Buckley helped his own cause by smacking a two-run single scoring Barrett and Dupuy.

Tyler Hysom connected on an RBI single that scored Banashak and tied the game 5-5.

Brent Richardson then connected on an RBI single to right field to bring home the winning run in Buckley.

Buckley started the rally and ended it while tallying the win by going the distance on the mound.

However, it wasn't too exciting for Tiger fans early on.

After a late night 15-5 division win against cross-county rival Hancock Hawks on Mon-



## Warm-up

Bay High second baseman Brent Richardson takes one in the air during warm-ups before the Tigers' game against Columbia. Bay High rallied late in the game to pull out a 6-5 win over the Wildcats. Richardson is credited with the winning hit. (Echo staff photo by B.R. Hawkins)

day, the Tigers were looking a little sluggish in the opening innings.

The Wildcats tallied one run in the top of the first as Tim Galloway hit an RBI double to score Russell Young and give Columbia the lead.

In the second, the Wildcats sent six batters to the plate but the Tigers defense stiffened. Columbia left two runners stranded.

The Tigers tallied two hits in the second from Hysom and Ri-

chardson; however, Bay High couldn't get a runner home.

In the third, Columbia added two more runs when Thad Akers hit a shot in straight-away centerfield for a solo roundtripper to make the score 2-0.

Later in the inning, Nick Davis doubled home Richie Kyzar who reached first base on a past ball after a strikeout.

Bay High finally hit paydirt in the fourth inning when Hysom singled home Dupuy

## USTA Clay Court Championships completed at Diamondhead

By Liz Wagner Maio  
Special to the Echo

After two days of rain delays, the USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships were completed Sunday at Diamondhead Tennis World.

In the 80's age division, top seeded Do Do Cheney of La Jolla, Calif., defeated Pat Stuhler of Mantoloking, N.J., 7-6 (2), 3-0 (retired).

In a tie-breaker for the first set Stuhler was bothered by a hamstring injury sustained earlier in the week. She tried to play on it, but had to retire in the second set.

The number one seeds in doubles, Cheney and her partner Jean Harris of Carmel, Calif., were upset by Stuhler and Jean Selvig of Naples, Fla., 6-4, 6-3. This win by Stuhler and Selvig prevented Cheney from winning her 300th title. She left Diamondhead with the 299th gold ball to add to her collection.

In the 70's age division in singles Olga Mahaney of San



## Singles winner

Do Do Cheney, Australian Women's Singles Champion in 1938, won the 299th title at Diamondhead when she defeated Pat Stuhler, Mantoloking, N.J. 7-6, 3-0 (ret.). Do Do donned the ear muffs when her hat blew off repeatedly in Sunday's cold winds. (Photo by Liz Wagner Maio)

Louise Russ of Deerfield Beach, Fla., defeated Peggy Golden of Sanford, N.C. and Kay Wakley of Greensboro, S.C., 6-0, 6-3.

In the 60's age division in singles, the number one seeded player, Mary Lenore Blair of Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., defeated her doubles partner, Kathy Langer of Rockwall, Texas, 6-1, 7-6 (1).

In doubles Blair and Langer lost to Belmar Gunderson, River Falls, Wis., and Nancy Reed, Winter Park, Fla., 6-2, 6-3.

To pass the time during the two days of rain delays the women played bridge in the glass-enclosed player lounge at Tennis World and took a field trip to Alice Moseley's Art Gallery on Booker Street in Bay St. Louis.

They enjoyed Moseley's stories, and the 12 women who visited the gallery all went home with one of Moseley's prints packed in their suitcases.

Other ancillary events for the women from 24 states, including Hawaii, were a welcome party at the Diamondhead Yacht Club, a cocktail party at Casino Magic and the players dinner at the Diamondhead Community Center.

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## Isle, Grand, Magic unite to market 'Casino Row'

Three Mississippi Gulf Coast gaming resorts have announced the formation of Casino Row, launching a cooperative effort that will combine select marketing promotions of these adjacent properties located on Biloxi's Point Cadet.

The Isle of Capri Casino, Crowne Plaza Resort-Biloxi, Grand Casino-Biloxi and Casino Magic-Biloxi will market Casino Row as a resort destination that offers three unique world-class gaming, dining and entertainment venues.

The adjacent properties in

east Biloxi will be connected by a new shuttle service providing easy access between all three properties.

During a press conference announcement, representatives of the three properties emphasized their combined commitment to seeing the Gulf Coast market flourish and working together to capitalize on opportunities in this maturing destination marketplace.

"We recognize the excitement associated with the growth of this market and we are building on that energy by making our

properties increasingly accessible and attractive," said Bill Kilduff, vice president and general manager, Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort-Biloxi.

"Casino Row is the only location on the Coast where guests can enjoy three distinctive gaming venues within a short walking distance of one another. As more and more people visit our area, it makes sense to work together."

Through combined marketing efforts, Casino Row properties are differentiating them-

selves in a highly competitive market. Each facility will maintain its own identity, while the alliance will focus on combined promotional strategies and opportunities to cross-sell selected entertainment events and property locations.

"We want our guests to spend time with us and not in traffic," said Chuck Yeager, general manager, Grand Casino-Biloxi. "We have identified that we all share a convenience strength and will capitalize on the fact that Casino Row properties are easily accessible."

"Visitors will be encouraged to park at any one of our properties and experience the excitement and theming of each one without the hassle of driving or leaving Casino Row."

Combined, Casino Row offers 202,200 square feet of gaming space, 1,748 hotel rooms, 180 table games, 4,811 slots, 14 restaurants and 60,424 square feet of meeting space.

"The Gulf Coast market is in a mature growth mode with our existing and new destinations creating excitement nationally," said Jeff Dahl, Casino Magic-Biloxi general manager.

"Casino Row properties represent a capital investment of \$547 million. We are committed to accommodating our guests, streamlining access to our properties and bringing added visibility to the gaming industry on Mississippi's Gulf Coast."

Casino Row billboards were posted within the last week, and the new shuttle service will be in place very soon. Additional marketing strategies will be implemented over time to support Casino Row branding and promotions.

## NASA, private company work to develop redundant fiber-optic transceiver

Testing large propulsion systems for America's space program requires the recording of vast amounts of information, or data, during a rocket engine test quickly and efficiently.

When NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center in south Mississippi needed a new method of transmitting large amounts of data, it partnered with Omni Technologies Inc. of New Orleans to meet this challenge.

Stennis Space Center is NASA's lead center for rocket propulsion testing. The world-class facility has begun testing a whole new generation of rocket engines for the space program.

In many rocket engine test facilities, remote recording of high-speed digital data has been difficult due to various technological constraints.

The analog signals from a test stand could be transmitted over copper cables, but due to the length of the cables, the signals could be corrupted from nearby electrical sources.

Another possible solution would be to record the signal on tape recorders on the test stand and remove the tapes for processing. This option, however, would require extra time after tests to process the information into a digital format.

Engineers at Stennis decided that the ideal solution would be to digitize the signal on the stand and transmit the information for recording in a safe location. They found a commercially available system that would do just that, but the transmission distance was limited to only 164 feet, far short of the distance required.

"Stennis needed a method to extend this transmission distance. Converting the existing communications interface to fiber-optic was the obvious solution. Omni was selected for this effort because of its expertise with similar fiber-optic applications," NASA engineer Joey Kirkpatrick said.

Omni developed a redundant fiber-optic transceiver that allows information from the test stands to be safely collected close to the source, while providing significant financial savings over the current system. The transceivers provide a more reliable, compact and flexible high-speed data acquisition system than previously achievable.

"Upon learning of NASA's requirements, we built a pair of prototype fiber-optic transceivers and tested these with NASA's data acquisition hard-

ware within three months," said Sean Griffin, vice president of Omni Technologies Inc. "For a small company such as Omni, the opportunity to work with NASA has been exciting and satisfying."

From this partnership, Stennis Space Center now has a High-Speed Data Acquisition System. It consists of several identical systems, based on the redundant fiber-optic transceiver, installed on the center's test stands.

Omni has benefited from the partnership by owning an exclusive license to a commercial product that can be used by any facility that performs extremely hazardous testing, such as explosives, ordinance and nuclear.

"This new relationship with NASA has provided our company with many new opportunities," Griffin said.

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## Oil and gas workers may qualify for added benefits and services

Mississippi employees of Texas-based Amoco Exploration and Production and Amoco Shared Services who lost their jobs may be eligible to receive payments and to qualify for reemployment services, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

Employees of Amoco Exploration and Production and Amoco Shared Services who were laid off or had hours reduced after Oct. 1, 1998, may be eligible to receive federal Trade Act benefits and to qualify for training, a job search allowance and relocation payments, said Johnny Conwill, director of the Unemployment Insurance Division of MESC.

Amoco Exploration and Amoco Shared Services are based in Houston, Texas and have employees in 15 states including Mississippi.

Trade Act benefits are paid to workers who lose their job or

whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports. The Amoco workers were involved in the production of crude oil and natural gas.

An increase in the United States' importation of crude oil and natural gas in competition with the same products produced by Amoco Exploration and Shared Services contributed to the decline in sales and total or partial separation of workers from the Texas company, according to the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance of the U.S. Department of Labor.

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## Yard Sale

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**CARPOT SALE! SATURDAY, March** 20, 9a.m.-1p.m. Clearing out! Some of everything. Priced to sell! 1125 Longo St., Waveland (off Nicholson Ave.)

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**YARD SALE, 214 E. Fourth St., Waveland,** Friday, 10am-1pm. Call 466-0497 or 468-0852.

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## 'Gather Ye Rosebuds' Society opens Bay-Waveland homes



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Bay St. Louis and Waveland  
Tuesday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
"Gather Ye Rosebuds" Rose Society  
Pilgrimage Chairmen: Mrs. Danna Piazza and Mrs.  
Melinda Richard

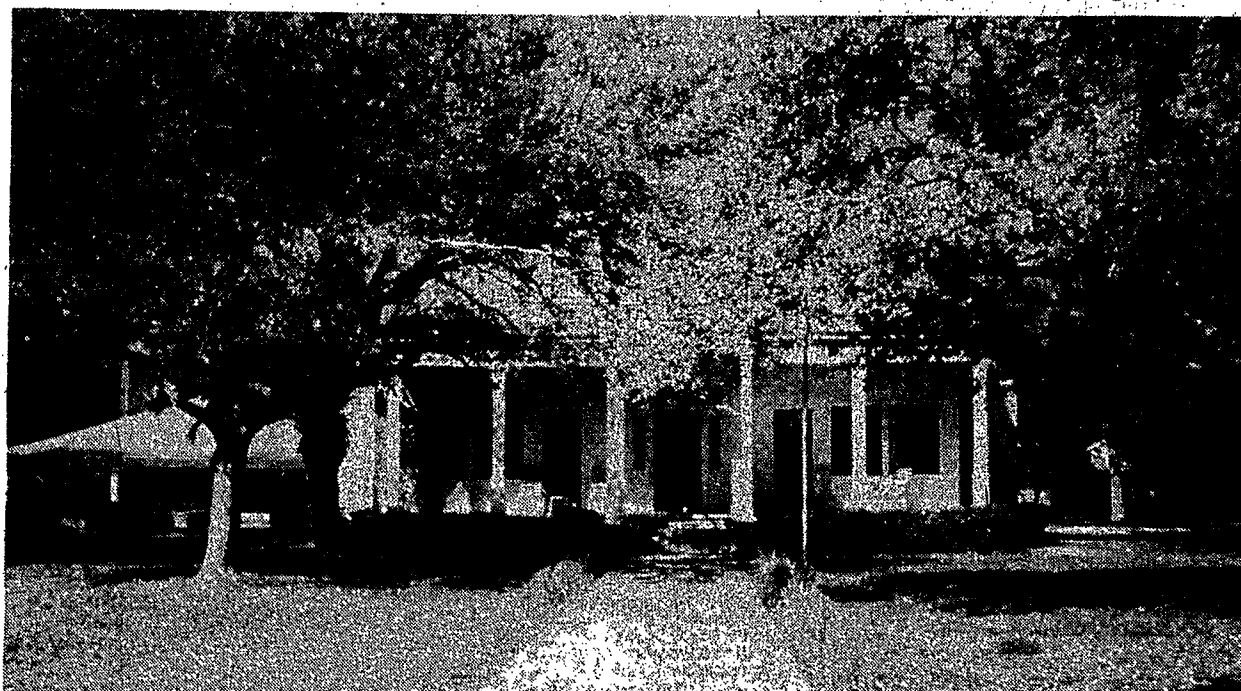
Host and Hostesses: "Gather Ye Rosebuds" and friends  
HANCOCK COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT BUREAU.  
Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 408A Highway 90, Bay  
St. Louis, (directly behind Peoples Bank) will be open  
all day with brochures and maps. Refreshments will  
be served. Beachcomber trolleys will operate between  
the Tourism Bureau and morning tour locations  
between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and from the  
Waveland Public Parking Lot, 100 West Beach Blvd.  
for afternoon tours between 1-4:00 p.m.

**HERITAGE HOUSE**, Home of Doctors Winston  
and Alma Levy, 116 Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis.  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Amidst a garden that  
nurtures century-old live oaks, colorful camellias and  
azaleas sits the old Drake Home now known as  
Heritage House. Building the home commenced in  
1900, by prominent local civil engineer, Mr. E.F.  
Drake. The Levy's purchased and lovingly restored  
the home to its former glory in 1989. Their restoration  
incorporates southern ambience with historical  
integrity. The home is now used as a bed and break-  
fast.

**SENIORS CITIZENS COMPLEX**, 601 Bookter St., Bay  
St. Louis. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our new state  
of the art Seniors Center provides services to those  
who are age 60 plus. The building houses an art stu-  
dio, framing center, ceramic, sewing and quilting  
rooms. The new modern kitchen provides hot meals to  
some in addition to a meals on wheels program. The  
front gardens have been landscaped with lovely, frag-  
rant antique roses and is tended by "Gather Ye  
Rosebuds". Refreshments will be served.

**THE TRUST BED & BREAKFAST**, 204 Bookter St.,  
Bay St. Louis. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Owners  
Hilton and Joan Eymard, Sr. have spent 30 years  
restoring this 10,000 sq. ft. circa 1850 home to its  
former glory. Among the many magnificent antiques are  
a bed attributed to Prudnet Mallard and a Waterford  
Chandelier. The home contains many artifacts and  
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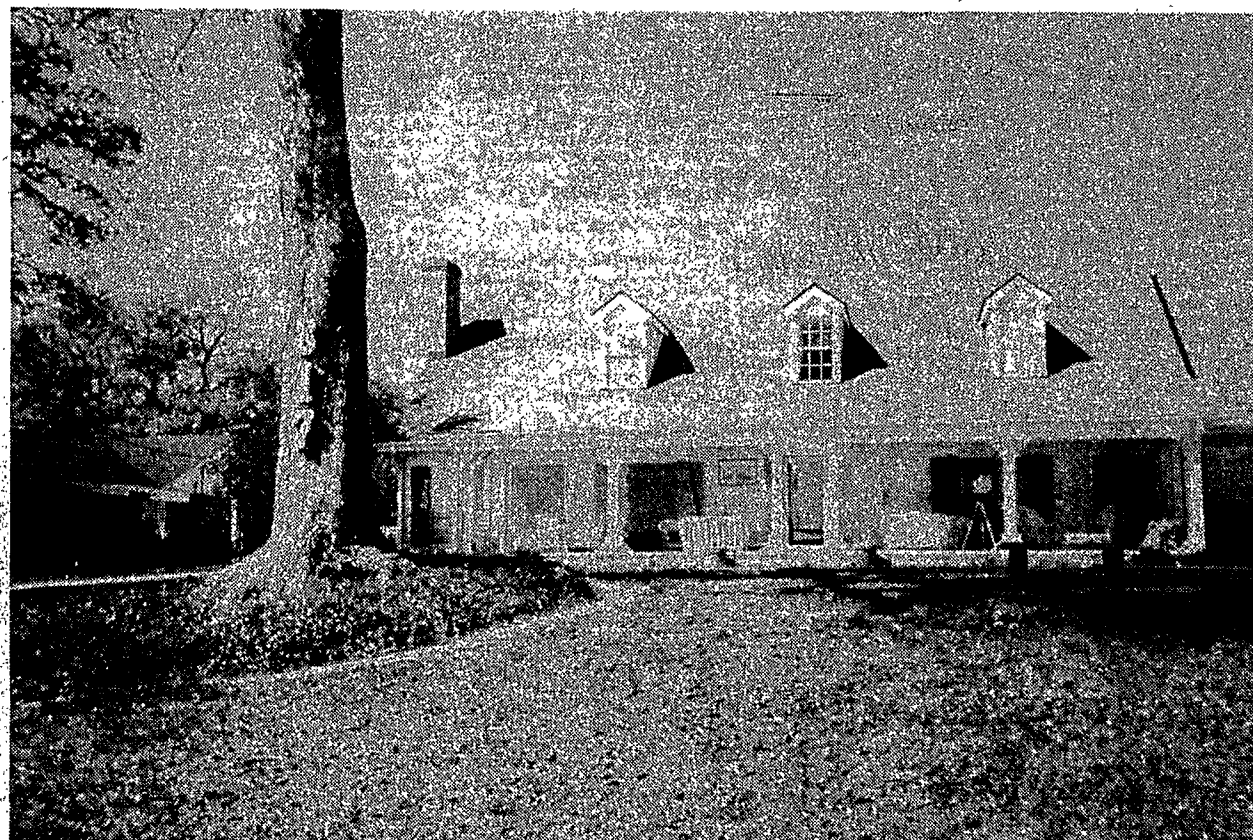
*Summer Home of Mr. and Mrs. St. Denis J. Villere*



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**AND MRS. MARIE FREY BAEHR**, 904 South  
Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00  
p.m. The "Big House" as it is called, is one of five  
homes within the Frey Compound. This colonial  
revival style, two story house was built in 1890 and  
repaired after Hurricane Camille. In 1988 the house  
was renovated again using the services of Mr. Fred  
Wagner, Architect. Mrs. Baehr has decorated with soft  
pastel colors and is proud of the fact that there is a  
view of the beachfront from almost every window. The  
extensive grounds and gardens are restfully shaded  
by majestic oak trees.


**HOME OF MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL  
EYMARD**, 817 NORTH BEACH BLVD., WAVELAND.  
Hours: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In 1996 Mike and Becky  
began a renovation with an eye to changing dull car-  
pets and busy wall paper into a more spacious effect.  
This was accomplished by glass encasing the front  
porch and bricking the floor, opening up several small  
rooms and creating a flow. Becky supervised the de-  
coration even down to the height of the new kitchen  
counter. In 1997, a pool, jacuzzi and Chicago Old  
Brick decking were added. Mike installed a fountain  
and planted the landscaping. The home is furnished  
with family antiques, others purchased locally and  
furniture of today's period.

**SUMMER HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ST.  
DENIS J. VILLERE**, 625 North Beach Blvd.  
Waveland. Hours: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00. These thirty acres  
of rolling property conjure up memories of days gone  
by when great blue herons and alligators watched  
Jean Lafitte and other pirates roam the coast. Relics  
of that era can still be found scattered about. The rus-  
tic home is divided into two separate dwellings fur-  
nished for summer relaxation. Among the amenities  
will be a display of Rex Carnival memorabilia.  
Refreshments will be served in the gazebo by the pool.

**SUMMER HOME OF MR. AND MRS.  
MICHAEL BOUDREAU**, 808 South Beach Blvd.,  
Waveland. Hours: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In 1997, the  
Boudreaux's purchased a small beach front cottage  
and set about a total renovation. Within 6 months  
they owned a colorful, comfortable refuge far from the  
hustle and bustle of their home in Baton Rouge, LA.  
Becky had the kitchen moved from the rear to the  
front of the house to enjoy a beautiful view of the  
sound through the oak trees. Among the home's many  
amenities is a lovely sun room added onto the rear of  
the house overlooking the pool and rose garden.



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## Spring: Time to check your automobile's health

Winter-weary motorists eager to enjoy a spring drive should be aware that while winter storms finally may be gone, the effects of the season's snow, ice and salt haven't disappeared from state roadways. Automotive suspension systems and tires in particular take a beating from potholes, pavement separations and expansions, and loose concrete resulting from winter's elements.

"To get the most from your car tires and suspension without sacrificing your family's safety, here are some telltale signs of wear that you can

check for yourself," says Dennis Johndrow, Sears Auto Services director.

• Tires have uneven wear and gashes — Uneven or cupped wear often indicates worn-out shocks, struts, steering or suspension parts.

A car's steering can be put out of alignment in a number of ways, from a collision with a sidewalk curb when parking to a jolt from a highway pothole. Check the inside and outside walls for cuts, bubbles or blemishes and the tread for cuts or lodged obstacles that can puncture your tires.

Proper inflation goes a long way in protecting tires from road hazards, assures proper tire wear and improves gasoline mileage. Look at the side of the driver's door for a sticker that indicates the proper inflation level for your tires. If you are experiencing a loss of air pressure, this may indicate a damaged tire, broken mounting bead or bent rim, which all can lead to more serious problems.

• Car bounces, sways or sags when stopping or cornering — Worn-out suspension parts cause abnormal drift, sway and bounce, particularly when cornering. If your car sags, sways or "dives" when braking, or has a harsh, bumpy ride — especially after hitting a bump or pothole — your shocks, struts and suspension parts may be worn.

• Car pulls to one side when driving — A car that steers or pulls to one side may be out of alignment, may be driving on tires that are unevenly or heavily worn, or may indicate rack-and-pinion or power-steering problems.

### What Can You Do?

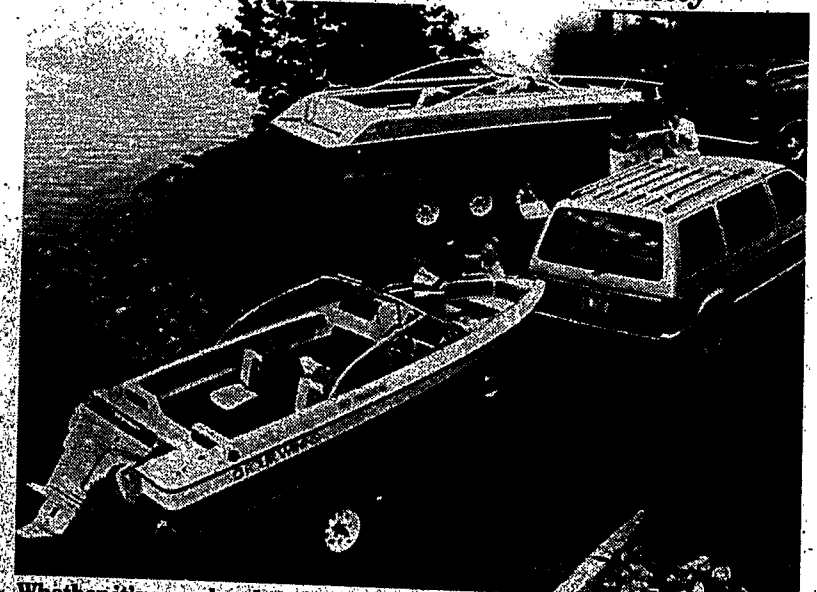
If your car tires or suspension show signs of excessive wear, take the car to a reputable service center that offers the following:

• Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified technicians — ASE-certified technicians, like those found at your local Sears Auto Centers and NTB National Tire & Battery stores, are trained and tested by independent, qualified experts in battery and related services, including brakes, shocks, struts, alignments and front-end repairs.

• Guarantees on parts and labor — All parts and labor should be guaranteed in writing by the auto center. Sears Auto Centers and NTB National Tire & Battery stores guarantee their work and the parts installed at all of the more than 1,100 service centers throughout the United States.

For more information about Sears Auto Centers, visit the Web site at <http://www.Sears.com>.

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Whether it's a weekend to the lake or a summer vacation, your first priority is getting there. Breakdowns are unpleasant whenever they occur, but especially when you are away from home. Be sure to check fluid levels before you hit the road, including brake fluid, transmission fluid, windshield washer fluid, battery water, radiator fluid and motor oil. Moving parts produce friction, and friction produces heat, wear and stress. Eliminating friction with synthetic motor oils, lubes and greases helps gears, bearings and critical engine parts run more smoothly and last longer. For a free catalog detailing the benefits of synthetic lubricants in a wide range of applications, call AMSOIL Inc. at 1-800-777-8491.

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## Advice for weary wet weather drivers

(MS) — When it comes to driving, few things can be more stressful than setting out on a long trip in a driving rainstorm. In fact, according to recent statistics from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly one million motor vehicle accidents occur

each year during wet weather conditions. No doubt a number of these accidents could have been avoided if drivers had made a few adjustments to their normal driving routine. Following are a few basic suggestions to help you improve your driving when the roads get soggy:

- Reduce your speed. This will help your tires' tread to get a better grip on the road, enabling the tread grooves to channel water more effectively. Slowing down also will help reduce the risk of hydroplaning — a condition in which the tires ride on water rather than the road's surface. If you feel a

sudden loss of control, ease up on the accelerator — avoid using the brakes.

- Maintain a safe distance. It's important to remember that you need more stopping distance on wet pavement. Focus on the road ahead and allow yourself enough room to react to emergency situations. This margin of safety could protect your life.

- Consider using a glass treatment. Wipers do a competent job, but recent advances in technology have created glass treatments designed to improve visibility when it rains. VisionBlade®, a glass treatment formula from STP, adheres to the surface of windshield glass, to enhance the ability to see oncoming traffic, road hazards and pedestrians in the rain.

VisionBlade® causes water to bead, forcing it to roll off the windshield more quickly than

on untreated glass. The effect of this beading action is most dramatic at night, when the product effectively helps to reduce glare from approaching headlights and streetlights.

According to STP marketing manager Dave Berlin, "When it comes to driving in the rain, it's essential to adjust your driving style to suit the wet road conditions. Additionally, using a glass treatment like VisionBlade® allows you to see more of the window — resulting in an improved view of the road ahead."

Unlike other glass treatments on the market, VisionBlade® lasts for up to six months. The unique, easy-to-use applicator provides effective coverage across the windshield and exterior glass of one car, or can be used to treat the windshields of two cars in about 10 minutes.



### Oil

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internal combustion engine, high evaporation loss can result in increased oil consumption and lead to a change in the oil's lubricating properties.

Are synthetic motor oils for everyone, then? No, they're not necessarily recommended for engines that are mechanically unsound or have leaking gaskets and seals. However, synthetic motor oils may be used in any mechanically sound engine where API-approved lubricants are specified.

For motorists considering switching to synthetic motor oils, proper filtration becomes an important factor when

extending drain intervals. Oil filters remove dirt and other particulates that can lead to engine wear. Full-flow oil filters manufactured by Fram, Hastings, AMSOIL or NAPA, for example, yield good results. Change your oil filter at the engine or filter manufacturer's recommended interval, and "top off" your oil to the proper level required for your engine.

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## A guide to understanding your suspension

Mechanics, like all professionals, have a language of their own, including when they describe your car's suspension system. "Customers who know some of these terms can be smarter shoppers," says Dennis Johndrow, Sears Auto Services director. "Understanding them can save you time and money."

Here are a few definitions of particular terms, courtesy of Sears Auto Centers and NTB National Tire & Battery:

- **Camber** is a tire wear angle. Positive camber is when the top of the tire leans out away from the car; negative is when the tire leans in toward the car. Improper camber leads to wear on sides of tires.

- **Caster** is the forward or rearward tilt from the center of the strut/shock and coil-spring system. Negative caster means the system is tilted forward, positive, to the rear. Improper caster can cause the car to pull to the side.

- **Toe** is the difference in the distance between the front of the tires and the rear of the tires measured at spindle height. If the distance in the front is greater than the rear, it is called toe-out, much as if you walk with your toes pointed out. Toe-out causes excessive wear on the inside shoulder of tires.

- **Thrust/thrust alignment** refers to the relationship between the front and rear wheels of the car. If the rear axle is not square with the geometric center line of the vehicle and the front wheels, it can result in a directional pull. Even if the rear wheels are not adjustable, a thrust alignment will determine the direction the rear wheels are pointed, and allow compensation for any tendency of the rear wheels to steer the car.

- **Rack and pinion** is the steering used on most late-model cars and replaces idler arms, pitman arms and center lines. The system does not use tie rods, and looseness of either the inner or outer tie-rod ends will allow the toe to change, causing excessive tire wear.

- **Ball joints** connect the wheel spindle to the outer ends of the upper and lower control arms. The ball joints act as a pivot between the control arms and spindle assembly. Looseness can cause camber and toe change.

- **Macpherson struts** incorporate the shock absorber, spindle assembly and upper

pivoting function into a single unit. It is mounted between a lower control arm and the top of the fender-wheel well, and no upper control arm is used. While there are fewer parts, the same adverse effects of alignment angle changes due to loose ball joints, bushings and tie-rod ends apply.

- **Coil springs** are used on both the front and rear of many cars today and are of two types, variable and constant rate. Variable-rate springs are common on most vehicles including front-wheel drive and traditional rear-wheel drive cars, light trucks and vans; constant-rate

springs most commonly are used on the front of rear-wheel drive vehicles.

If you have any questions regarding your suspension system and/or want to have your suspension system checked and/or repaired, visit your nearest Sears Auto

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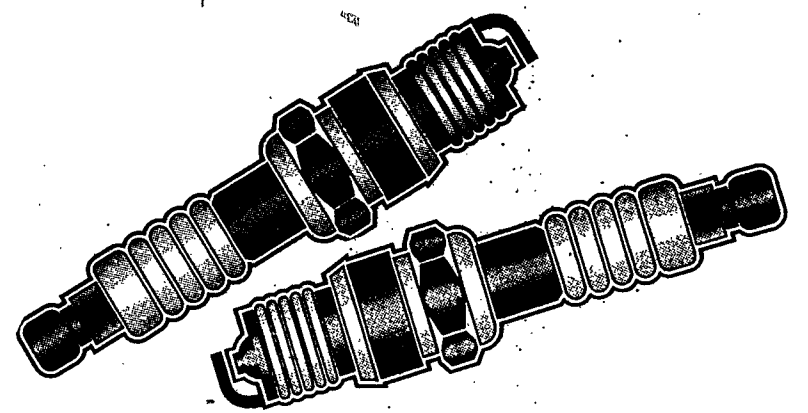


## Add 'spark' to performance with technology

(MS) — While the main task of a spark plug essentially has remained the same since its inception nearly 100 years ago — that is, to ignite the air/fuel mixture to power a combustion engine — spark-plug technology has made giant leaps forward, specifically in the last decade.

Today's spark plugs must meet significantly higher requirements to power more precision vehicles with even more horsepower. Plus, they have to perform flawlessly under all operating conditions (cold-start, idle, full-load) without misfirings for up to 100,000 miles.

That's no small task, yet the Robert Bosch Corp. has spent the past several years working to create the next generation in state-of-the-art spark-plug technology. After all, it was Bosch that developed the first spark plug for gasoline-combustion engines. So, it's only fitting that the



company has redefined the spark-plug market with its latest entry, the Bosch Platinum+4.

The basis of this spark plug is its unique four ground electrode design which provides multiple radial spark paths. It is a surface air gap spark plug. By using the benefits of surface discharge, the design increases the air gap for better ignition, without increasing the voltage requirement. The spark jumps laterally to one of four ground electrodes, as opposed to a conventional single ground design with just one axial spark path.

The surface air gap design has a self-cleaning effect; carbon deposits are burned off for improved resistance to fouling. The end result is a longer, more efficient and more powerful spark than that of a conventional plug. This translates into improved engine performance, better fuel economy, lower emissions and smoother acceleration.

First introducing "pure platinum" technology to the aftermarket in 1985, Bosch remains today the only aftermarket manufacturer with a pure-platinum center electrode. Platinum has an extremely high melting point, as well as high corrosion and oxidation resistance.

The company utilizes an exclusive process that heat-fuses the platinum-center electrode into an extended ceramic insulator. This allows the Bosch Platinum+4 to reach its self-cleaning temperature faster for smoother acceleration and optimal engine power.

To increase wear resistance and promote a longer performance life, Bosch applies an yttrium alloy to the four ground electrodes. This exclusive technology results in up to double the wear resistance vs. conventional single ground electrode plug designs.

Another advantage of the Platinum+4 is that the air gap is preset at the factory and never has to be reset.

This spark plug carries an unconditional satisfaction guarantee that extends throughout the entire vehicle manufacturer's recommended spark-plug change interval. The company's guarantee states: "If you don't feel the difference, Bosch will pay for the plugs."

For customers who demand the very best for their vehicles, the Bosch Platinum+4 is the "next-generation premium spark plug." It is available at auto parts stores nationwide with a suggested retail price of \$5.99.

## Helpful tips for selling old car

(MS) — Spring is the time of year for new beginnings. It's also a time when many people consider purchasing a new car. Perhaps you'd like to trade your minivan for a rugged sport utility, or exchange that practical sedan for the sports car you've been eyeing in the latest car magazine. Before you can experience the rich smells of a new car, you'll need to take a few steps to sell your current vehicle. Following are

some suggestions from the car-care experts at STP® to help you get your car prepared for the big sale.

Making a good first impression is paramount to completing the sale. A clean car has a far better chance to get you up to several hundred dollars more than a car that is dirty.

Naturally, you'll have to give the exterior a thorough

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## Car care 101:

# A history lesson in preservation

New or used, vintage or modern, people have depended on their cars as a means of survival ever since the automobile first was introduced.

While cars have evolved significantly over time, and their build greatly refined, the ideas behind the way cars work have remained mostly intact.

Cars were powered by steam and electricity until early this century, however, neither proved to be practical power sources. Electric cars frequently had to be stopped in order to recharge their heavy batteries. Steam cars, though offering a smoother power delivery, were difficult to use.

By 1876, variations on the early engine had led to the best method of ensuring that the engine operated smoothly while keeping exhaust emissions at a controllable level.

According to the "Ultimate Visual Dictionary" (DK), today's gasoline engines function according to the same basic principles as the first car engines of a century ago.

While modern engines are lighter, thanks to the special

metal alloys they are made from, today's combustion engines use the same four-stroke cycle first demonstrated in 1876.

Granted, the creation of computerized ignition systems, fuel injectors and multi-valve cylinder heads have enabled modern engines to achieve more efficient combustion, allowing for less fuel to be wasted.

Additionally, the level of pollution in the exhaust gases of modern engines is much lower, due to the increasing use of special pollutant-absorbing filters called catalytic converters.

As a result of improvements like these, modern engines offer better power and cleaner, more efficient performance than earlier variations.

History has proven that the creation of a more efficient engine is a timely, not to mention expensive undertaking. However, taking care of your car doesn't have to be.

So, no matter how old that car in the garage may be, there's a valuable lesson to be learned in respecting the eld-

erly as it pertains to car care and preservation. Setting aside a little time for car maintenance on a regular basis will help you get the most mileage from your car, and depending on your car's age and make, it could bring you lasting value as well.

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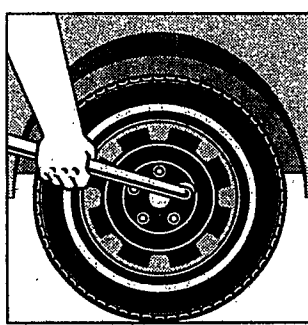


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washing, but it's just as important to remove the spots and stains that dot the inside of the car — the place where drivers spend time.

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## Did You Know ...

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## Protect your engine by using proper fluids

Checking, filling or changing your vehicle's fluids regularly is critical to its longevity and performance. It also is important to choose the right product, especially in choosing the right grade of automatic transmission fluid (ATF) or motor oil.

"You can't just go to the local parts store or discount store and pick any quart off the shelf and expect it to work," warns Gabe Giordano, technical representative at Kendall Motor Oil. "Even for consumers who rely on 'do-it-for-me' outlets for service — whether it's a quick lube, tire store or car dealership — it's a good idea to review what fluid is being used to make sure it's what the owner's manual spec-

ifies."

### Differentiation Among Some Cars' ATF Requirements

People who own a Ford or General Motors car can use a more versatile automatic transmission fluid product like Kendall Multi-Purpose ATF, which is approved for both GM Dexron® III Fluid and Ford Mercon® ATF specifications.

"Once you go beyond a GM or Ford vehicle, though, you should look at a different type of ATF, because each car manufacturer has a different design for its automatic transmissions," says Giordano.

More specifically, the clutch materials — components used

to engage and disengage gears as the car shifts — vary from one automobile maker to another. This, in turn, affects and causes some variation in what Giordano refers to as the required "frictional characteristics" of the automatic transmission fluid. It is important to use what the owner's manual recommends.

### Avoiding the "Oil is Oil" Mind-set

Even if a car gets an oil change every 3,000 miles, the owner needs to keep an eye on what type of motor oil is poured into the engine. In certain climates and in certain kinds of engines, an SAE grade 10W-30 product may be

too high in viscosity (too thick).

Cars with multi-valve engines, for example, have overhead camshafts (above the valves as opposed to a camshaft built right into the engine block). This means that oil has farther to travel, and it has to be thin enough to move quickly and lubricate all parts of the engines to prevent it from "starving." Otherwise, start-up problems or accelerated engine wear can result. If your car has a multi-valve engine, Giordano recommends a lighter motor oil product, like Kendall Superb® 100 SAE 5W-30.

### Maintenance Schedule

In making sure that all fluids for the car are at the proper levels, Kendall strongly encourages consumers to refer again to the owner's manual, which should contain a maintenance schedule for your car.

Where you live and how many miles you drive per year are important considerations, too. The Kendall experts recommend having your mechanic check the following key fluids regularly:

- Antifreeze
- Power-steering fluid
- Automatic transmission fluid
- Motor oil
- Brake fluid

### Following a Regular



## How long will car air freshener last?

(MS) — For more than 50 years, paper air fresheners basically have been made the same way. A special absorbent paper is impregnated with a liquid fragrance. As the fragrance evaporates, a pleasant aroma fills the nearby area. The quicker it evaporates, the more the aroma but the shorter the "life."

On hot sunny days, the temperature in your parked car quickly can reach 140 F. That greatly accelerates evaporation. (You'll smell your air freshener more on a hot day than a cold one.) Drive with your windows open? Wind causes fast evaporation.

Even the fragrance you've selected makes a big difference. Some just are not very strong. Vanilla, a popular selection, usually does not last as long as pine. Lilac usually is a stronger scent than rose and many other florals. The most important consideration is the concentration level of fragrance used. The less used, the shorter it lasts. Fragrance is quite expensive. Over the years, many manufacturers have used less and less.

You can slow evaporation by exposing only part of the air freshener to the air. Cut a small opening in the bag it comes in. But the odor may not be strong enough for you. Because all these factors influence evaporation, no one honestly can predict how long an air freshener really will last.

A new company, Kobadu Corp., now produces air fresheners claimed to last much longer than others. How? They use three different levels of fragrance — Quadruple (four times) at around \$1.89, double (two times) around \$1.49 and standard about \$1.19. The Quadruple actually has four times more fragrance than the standard ones and almost six times more fragrance than many air fresheners sold today.

If you can't find them at your local auto store or car wash They will mail you three Quadruple (four times last) air fresheners. Send a self-addressed, business-size envelope with 55 cents postage attached, along with \$5, to Kobadu Corp., P.O. Box 300, Dept. MK-499, Pound Ridge, N.Y. 10576.

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## Summertime auto maintenance tips

According to the experts at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), automotive breakdowns occur frequently during the summer season. Summer's heat, dust, and stop-and-go traffic are tough on vehicles.

To help with summertime maintenance, ASE offers the following tips. Some are easy to do; others should be performed only by a skilled auto technician.

**Getting started**—The best planning guide is your owner's manual. Read it, and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules.

**Air conditioning**—A marginally operating air-conditioning system will fail in hot weather. Have the system examined by a technician who is ASE-certified in air-conditioning repair and service. You'll be doing the environment a favor, too, since poorly maintained air conditioners can leak ozone-depleting chemicals.

**Cooling system**—The greatest cause of summer breakdowns is overheating. The tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a pro. The cooling system should be completely flushed and refilled as recommended. The level, condition and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (A 50-50 mix of antifreeze and water usually is recommended.) Do-it-yourselfers, wait until the engine has cooled before removing the radiator cap. Do not dump old antifreeze/coolant into streams or sewers.

**Oil**—Change your oil and oil filter as specified in your manual. Many repair shops will accept your used oil; never

dump it on the ground or into streams or sewers.

**Engine performance**—Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.) as recommended. Have engine driveability problems (hard starts, rough idling, diminished power, etc.) corrected at a good shop with modern testing equipment and ASE-certified technicians. In addition to getting better gas mileage, you'll help lessen air pollution by keeping your engine at peak performance.

**Windshield wipers**—A dirty windshield causes eye fatigue and can pose a safety hazard. Replace worn blades and keep plenty of windshield-washer solvent on hand to combat insects and road dust.

**Tires**—Tires should be rotated about every 5,000 miles. Check tire pressures once a month, but let the tires "cool down" first. Examine each tire for tread life, uneven wearing and cupping; check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks. An alignment is warranted if there's uneven tread wear or if your vehicle "pulls" on a flat, level roadway. Don't forget to check your spare and be sure the jack is in good condition. Properly maintained tires last longer, saving you money and reducing the burden at landfills.

**Brakes**—Brakes should be inspected as recommended in your manual, sooner if you notice pulsations, grabbing, noises or longer stopping distance. Minor brake problems should be corrected promptly.

**Battery**—Batteries can fail any time of year, not just in the winter. The only accurate way to detect a weak battery is with professional equipment, but most people can perform

routine care: scrape corrosion from posts and cable connections, clean all surfaces, and re-tighten connections. If battery caps are removable, check the fluid level monthly. Wear protective eye gear and gloves.

**Lights**—Inspect all lights and bulbs and replace those that are burned out. Clean dirt and insects from all lenses, using a damp rag to prevent scratching.

**Emergencies**—Ask a technician for suggestions about which tools to carry. Be sure to include a first-aid kit, flares and a flashlight. Consider buying a car phone.

**Finding a good auto technician**—To find a good technician, ask friends and associates for recommendations. Check out the reputation of the repair shop with your local consumer group, and look for technicians certified by ASE in the appropriate specialties, like brakes, engine repair, and heating and air conditioning. Shops with ASE-certified technicians often post their technicians' credentials and display the ASE blue-and-white sign.

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## Keep travel safe and stress-free

(MS) — While many people like the idea of taking a road trip, heading out on a long journey — whether by car, truck, minivan or RV — often can be a frustrating and stressful experience. To keep travel safe and as enjoyable as possible, make sure you are properly prepared by taking along a vehicle-emergency kit to keep family and friends safe

while traveling.

Some useful basics include a flashlight, flares, a blanket, jumper cables, a first-aid kit, some nonperishable food items and bottled water. However, other items that you should consider include pocket-sized hand warmers for colder weather, a cellular phone and

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While there's no guarantee you won't encounter mishaps on the road, you can prepare for many of them, hopefully avoiding long delays and unsafe situations.

## Take a 'brake' for safety

Today's drivers are fortunate that advances in technology have increased development of automotive safety features. Anti-lock braking systems (ABS) are among the most popular and effective safety features today, second only to safety belts, according to a nationwide survey conducted by the ABS Education Alliance.

While more and more drivers are becoming aware that braking with ABS is different from braking with conventional brakes, many drivers do not realize that there are two kinds of ABS — four-wheel and rear-wheel.

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All ABS systems on passenger cars are four-wheel ABS. Some sport utility vehicles, vans and light trucks may have four-wheel ABS, but others are equipped with rear-wheel ABS.

Drivers will know that their brake system is not working if the ABS symbol stays lighted on the dashboard long after the car is started or if it lights while the vehicle is in operation. Conventional brakes still will work, but the anti-lock sensors will not. If this happens, drivers should follow the traditional lessons they learned for emergency braking or stopping situations with conventional brakes. They should be sure to have the vehicle checked by a dealer or qualified mechanic and have the problem corrected as soon as possible.

For more information, contact the ABS Education Alliance at 1-800-ABS-8958 or visit the Web site at <http://www.abs-education.org>.

## Simple spring car checks

You've endured another winter, rife with snow, sleet, hail and ice — but how well has your car endured the freezing temperatures?

As spring comes coasting in this month, it's time to tap the breaks on some spring activities in order to perform a quick check on your car's condition.

Unless your car is making strange noises or emitting foul-smelling fumes, you can perform a simple weekly car check on your own vehicle in a matter of minutes.

Following are some basic items you should be sure to check on a weekly basis, courtesy of "The Pocket Idiot's Guide™ to Car Repair" (alpha books), by Dan Ramsey.

• **Oil level** — Circulated in the engine, oil keeps the car's engine parts lubricated and prevents them from wearing out. When the engine is off, the oil settles to the oil pan under the hood. The oil-pan stick or dipstick will indicate the oil level and whether or not the oil needs to be refilled.

• **Coolant level** — A mixture of antifreeze fluid and water, coolant (located under the

hood of the car) circulates throughout the car's engine to remove excess heat.

• **Windshield-washer fluid level** — Stored in a container of reservoir beneath the hood of the car, windshield-washer fluid keeps the windshield clean. If you expect to be able to see while driving, make sure that the fluid never falls below its appropriate level.

• **Power-steering fluid level** — If your car has power steering, power-steering fluid is what makes the car easier to steer with less effort. The fluid usually is stored in a reservoir under the car's hood.

• **Brake fluid levels** — Hydraulic fluid, or brake fluid, is used by the car's hydraulic system to magnify the pressure of your foot on the brake pedal to stop the car. The fluid is located in the master brake cylinder, usually under the hood of the car.

• **Tires and pressure** — Underinflated tires reduce fuel economy, while excessive pressure makes tires wear unevenly, reducing their usable life. The tire gauge indicates how much pressure is in the tire



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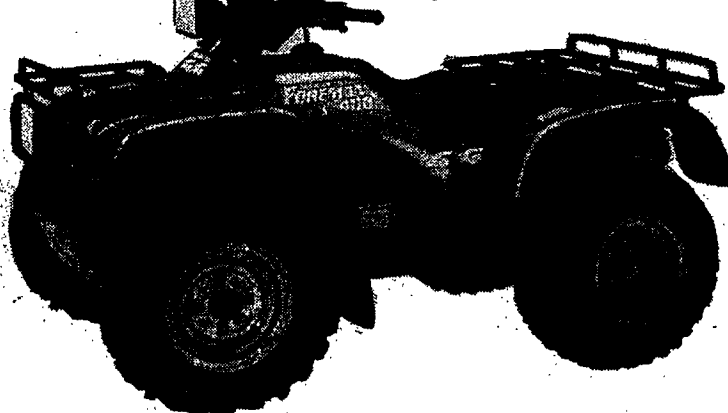
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# Tire myths

Deflate those ideas before causing damage to tires

**Myth (m'ith) noun:** A popular belief or tradition that has grown up around something or someone.

That's the way Mr. Webster defines myth and there are plenty of them floating around — some for a long time! Robin Hood, King Arthur, even Babe Ruth pointing to a spot in the stands and hitting a home run there in the World Series are all myths which have grown over time.

Believing them is fanciful and entertaining; certainly causing no harm.

There are many myths regarding tires. Compared to the story book-type myths above, misinformation about tire care can lead to safety problems and unnecessary expenses.

"Tires can provide riding comfort and safety and add value to your vehicle," said Stan Cooper, marketing manager for Firestone consumer products. "It pays to know the do's and don'ts of tire care."

Attempting to dispel some tire fiction, Firestone has produced a list of common tire myths, along with corresponding tire facts.

**Myth:** I can tell my tire is correctly inflated just by looking at it.

**Fact:** Today's modern radial tires may look properly inflated when in fact they could be dangerously low — especially high performance tires because their sidewalls are typically low profile or shorter. Low air pressure results in poor handling and shorter tire life and reduced fuel efficiency. Remember, no matter how good the tire, it's useless without air!

**Myth:** I only have to check the tire pressure when the tire appears low.

**Fact:** Tire pressure should be checked weekly — before the car is driven. The pressure should be adjusted to the vehicle manufacturer's specifications. Look in the owner's manual or on the inside of the door for figures.

Pressure changes as often as the weather; when it's cool, tires lose pressure and when it's warm, they gain pressure. On an average, if the temperature remained the same, tires would lose one pound per month. Also, don't forget to check the spare tire.

**Myth:** My car will perform the same with any tire on it.

**Fact:** Tires are designed to perform specific functions, providing the personality of your vehicle.

Tires designed for luxury cars will provide a smoother, quieter ride; tires designed for performance-oriented cars provide higher levels of responsiveness and traction; and tires made for sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks offer in-

creased durability, all-season and/or all-terrain traction.

**Myth:** Correcting vehicle alignment problems will correct irregular wear patterns in tires.

**Fact:** Misalignment can quickly cause irregular wear patterns in tires. Once damage is done, it cannot be corrected. Proper alignment can prevent future irregular wear but will not remedy existing irregular wear. You should rotate the tires when alignment is done.

**Myth:** The steel belting in radial tires prevents punctures and flats from nails and other debris.

**Fact:** Any tire can be punctured by debris. Steel-belted tires are certainly durable, but they're not indestructible. The best safety measure is avoiding debris on the road. Regular visual checks of your tires will allow you to detect air loss problems.

**Myth:** I can drive as fast and as long on a temporary or compact spare tire as I can on a regular tire.

**Fact:** No way! The temporary or compact spare tire is constructed to allow you to get to the nearest tire dealer or service center for repair or replacement of your flat tire.

Temporary spares aren't designed for long-term or high-speed use. The temporary spare should be replaced by a regular size tire as soon as possible and not driven faster than 50 mph.

"Tires are some of the most important components of your car. In essence, they provide the connection of the vehicle to the road," added Cooper.

"With the proper tire application on the car and normal maintenance, consumers can improve driving comfort and extend the life of their tires."

## A simple pour can help restore lost performance

(MS) — Each year, drivers spend considerable time and resources ridding their cars of the muck and grime that can accumulate on the exterior and interior surfaces during the long winter months. This revitalization can take the form of a thorough wash, a fresh coat of wax and even ridding the glove compartment of long-expired holiday sale fliers. Despite this effort to revitalize, few drivers take the time to clean the internal systems that lie under the hood.

No one wants driving problems. When winter's fury brings snow and ice, deposits can develop in the fuel delivery system at any time. Although not visible during a casual under-the-hood inspection, the presence of excessive deposits can be felt during normal driving conditions. Hesitation, lost acceleration and reduced fuel economy all can point to a dirty fuel system. Fortunately,

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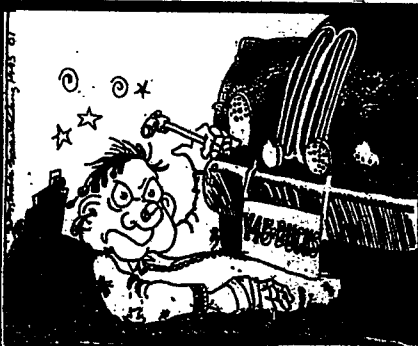
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## Overheating

Prevent problems by checking cooling system, engine for leaks

When a cooling system fails, a car overheats for very long, the engine overheats. And when metal engine parts can be seri-

ously damaged and require expensive repair.

Overheating can result when the coolant level is too low or when there is a leak in the system. Sometimes just driving in stop-and-go traffic on a hot summer day with the air conditioner running is enough to overheat the engine.

### Coolant loss

A low coolant level leads to overheating because there isn't enough fluid in the system to absorb engine heat.

The air in the system that is absorbing these high temperatures is a poor heat conductor and won't do an effective job of transferring the heat to the radiator.

Cars with coolant recovery tanks have markings on the white plastic tank indicating where coolant levels should be when the car is running and when it's not. If the coolant level is low after repeated fillings, you probably have a leak in the system.

### Coolant hose leaks

Hoses are the most likely source of leaks because they are structurally the weakest components of the cooling system.

Hoses must be flexible to absorb vibration, so they are made of rubber compounds. Rubber, unfortunately, is not as durable as metal.

Intense engine heat can harden and crack even the best rubber; oil can soften and swell it; the simple passage of time can break down its internal bonding; and electrochemical degradation can crack the tube.

In many instances, hose leaks occur at faulty connections to the inlet and outlet pipes. Make certain the hose clamps are secure.

When replacing a hose, it's also a good idea to replace the clamps. Traditional worm-drive clamps or the new constant tension clamps are best.

To extend the service life of a hose, keep it away from damaging external elements such as hot manifolds, oil-leaking parts and sharp edges. In these situations, protect the hose with a sleeve.

You should also avoid using the soluble oils found in some coolants, under the assumption they lubricate the water pump. Most modern antifreeze solutions contain all the lubricants a water pump needs. Soluble oil only serves to destroy a hose before its time.

All cooling system hoses should be inspected every six months. Most often, the upper radiator hose and the curved bypass hose will fail without warning. But, eventually they all will need to be replaced.

Cooling system hoses should be replaced roughly every four years.

### Water pump leaks

It is common to find an occasional drop of coolant under the water pump. Excessive leaking, however, indicates a problem. Housing bolts on the pump should be tight. If they are, and leaking persists, the pump's inner seal is probably damaged and the pump must be replaced.

### Radiator leaks

Radiator leaks are often just the result of a loose petcock or plug. Simple tightening should correct this.

The inner seal on the radiator cap should be checked periodically. If the seal is cracked, or the metal parts are rusted, coolant will escape and the cap will fail to pressurize the remaining coolant adequately.

While stains on the radiator point to a more serious problem. These stains result from coolant reacting with the metal parts.

Pouring a liquid sealant in the radiator might solve the problem, but chances are good

that the radiator needs to be repaired or replaced. This is frequently the case with many of today's aluminum radiators.

### Heater leaks

Leaks can occur in the heater control valve or in the heater core. A liquid sealant can sometimes help but, more often than not, the heating system units will have to be replaced.

### Engine leaks

Leaks can occur on the engine block wherever there is a bolted housing, such as at the thermostat or water pump housing.

You should also inspect the block's drain plugs and core plugs (also known as freeze plugs). Core plugs are holes left in the engine when it is cast and later covered by metal discs. If these discs loosen or corrode, coolant can escape from the block.

If leaking continues after you've checked all the hoses, clamp connections and metal components of the cooling system, the leak is probably internal.

This situation can be confirmed by the presence of engine oil in the coolant, in the exhaust system, or transmission fluid. A visually inspected sample of the coolant will reveal the presence of oil. In both the latter situations, however, sophisticated test instruments will help make this determination.

In all cases, internal leaks can be the result of blown head gaskets, cracked heads or blocks, and loose or damaged head bolts. Usually, major engine repair is required.

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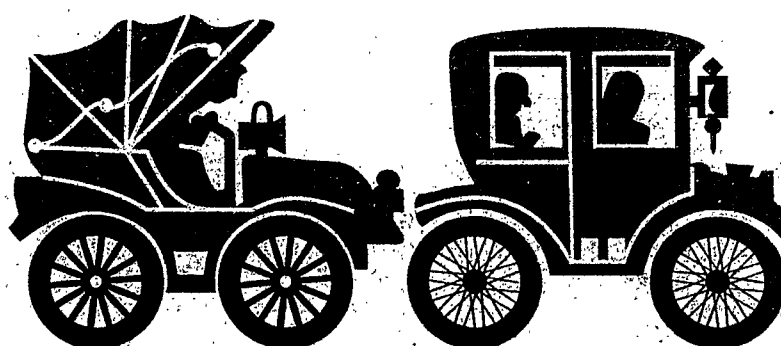
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